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MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE Report No. 150
NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

Assistant Secretary for Health
Through: ES/H _____

DATE: July 5, 1974

Director, NIH

Weekly Activities Report

THE SECRETARY HEW DEDICATES NIH PERINATAL RESEARCH UNIT

A three-story, \$2,137 million addition to the NIH Clinical Center was dedicated Monday July 1 by the Secretary, HEW, as a Perinatal Research Unit of the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development. With improvement of the health of pregnant women and their infants an important part of the NICHD mission, the new facility was planned to combine research in obstetrics and pediatrics with a focus on human perinatal biology. Secretary Weinberger referred to the unit as a center for "incisive observation and scholarly study" and predicted it will have "incalculable impact on millions of women who will never see the center." Construction began in May 1973. Completion of the facility is expected in November this year. The Unit is designed to accommodate 350 to 1000 deliveries a year, as appropriate to research needs. (Dr. Charles U. Lowe, 14-65035)

NIH INSTITUTE AWARDS FIRST PROGRAM PROJECT GRANT FOR VD

The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases has awarded the first program project grant for venereal disease research to the University of Washington with Dr. King K. Holmes as the chief investigator. The grant, which is for \$138,004 in the first year, will support a multidisciplinary approach to the VD problem now reaching crisis proportions. Dr. Holmes, an Assistant Professor of Medicine, has coordinated the resources and facilities of his university, the Seattle-King County Health Department, the Harborview Hospital, and the U.S. Public Health Service Hospital into a combined and integrated effort. (Mr. Robert Schreiber, 14-65717)

DR. CHEN NAMED NIH ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR INTRAMURAL AFFAIRS

Dr. Philip S. Chen, Jr. has been appointed NIH Assistant Director for Intramural Affairs. In this position he will serve in a principal staff capacity to Dr. DeWitt Stetten, Jr., NIH Deputy Director for Science. Prior to his appointment, Dr. Chen was Associate Director for Program Planning and Evaluation, National Institute of General Medical Sciences. Dr. Chen first came to NIH in 1954 as a U.S. Public Health Service commissioned officer serving a three-year tour with the National Heart and Lung Institute. He returned in 1967 as a Grants Associate with the Division of Research Grants. (Mr. Storm Whaley, 14-64461)

NIH SCIENTIST REPORTS A NEW SELENO PROTEIN

Dr. Thressa C. Stadtman, a member of the Laboratory of Biochemistry, National Heart and Lung Institute, has reported isolation of a new biochemical entity, a bacterial protein containing selenium. The new bacterial "selenoprotein" is similar in size to one reported last year at Oregon State University and found in the muscles of healthy lambs. In selenium deficiencies the muscle selenoprotein is not formed and the growing lambs develop a form of muscular dystrophy. It is believed that this relatively small protein may be critical in supplying energy for the normal growth of the heart and skeletal muscles of young animals. The bacterial selenoprotein has been shown to furnish energy for growth; thus the bacterial and the muscle selenoproteins may have similar biological functions essential for growth. The new bacterial protein was isolated from a bacterium discovered by Dr. Stadtman several years ago. (Mr. Ernest Miner, 14-64236)

NIH SCIENTISTS REPORT NEW FINDING ON DIGESTION OF DIETARY FAT

A team of NIH scientists reported to the American Federation for Clinical Research that the digestion of dietary fat begins in the esophagus and stomach, and not in the upper intestine as was previously believed. Members of the team were: Drs.

Margit Hamash, Robert O. Scow, and Hayden Klaeverman of the National Institute of Arthritis, Metabolism, and Digestive Diseases; and Dr. Robert O. Wolf, National Institute of Dental Research. Several diseases, including atherosclerosis, involve the ability to digest fat properly. (Mr. Victor Wartofsky, 14-63583)

R. W. Lamont-Havers
for

Robert S. Stone, M.D.

MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE Report No. 151
NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

: Assistant Secretary for Health
Through: ES/H _____

DATE: July 12, 1974

M : Director, NIH

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

PART OF WHITE HOUSE SEMINAR ON HEALTH HELD AT NIH

The second day of the 1974 White House Seminar on Health was held in Wilson Hall on the NIH campus Thursday, July 11. Purpose of the two-day seminar was to offer invited health writers throughout the United States an opportunity to hear and interview top level government officials on the full range of Federal involvement in health policy and programs. In addition to the formal presentations at NIH, a selection of tours and scientific demonstrations were arranged, as well as individually requested interviews with NIH staff on research or programmatic developments. (Mr. Storm Whaley, 14-64461)


Robert S. Stone, M.D.



MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE Report No. 152
NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

: Assistant Secretary for Health
Through: ES/H_____

DATE: July 18, 1974

FROM : Director, NIH

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

NIH AWARDS CONTRACT TO MONITOR EMPLOYEES OF TEXAS ASBESTOS PLANT

The National Cancer Institute awarded a contract to the Texas Chest Hospital to monitor 878 former Tyler, Texas asbestos workers who are at excess risk of developing lung cancer and other asbestos related diseases. The workers were employed in the plant which operated from 1954 to 1972.
(Mr. William Gray, 14-66641)

NIH AWARDS GRANT TO STUDY ACUPUNCTURE FOR PAIN CONTROL IN DENTISTRY

The National Institute of Dental Research awarded a grant to the Harvard Medical School at Massachusetts General Hospital to investigate acupuncture and its relation to pain control in dentistry. The \$158,000 grant covers the first two years of a three year study. (Mrs. Tula Brocard, 14-64261)

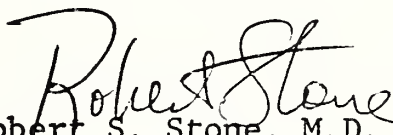
FRENCH UNIVERSITY PRESENTS HONORARY DEGREE TO NIH SCIENTIST

Dr. J. H. Tjio, research biologist with the National Institute of Arthritis, Metabolism, and Digestive Diseases, was awarded an honorary doctor of medicine degree by the University Claude Bernard of Lyon, France. Dr. Tjio has made significant contributions in the field of cell genetics and is known for work on human chromosomes for which he was given the Joseph P. Kennedy Foundation International Award in 1963.
(Mr. Victor Wartofsky, 14-63583)



NIH HEART RESEARCH INCLUDED IN NBC-TV SPECIAL

The five-part series on heart research which appeared this month on NBC's TODAY show will be repeated in a one hour special program Sunday evening at 10:00 on Channel 4 in Washington. The program includes an interview with Dr. Robert I. Levy, Director, Division of Heart and Vascular Diseases, National Heart and Lung Institute.
(Mr. Ernest Miner, 14-64236)


Robert S. Stone, M.D.

MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE
NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

153

: Assistant Secretary for Health
Through: ES/H _____

DATE: July 26, 1974

TO : Director, NIH

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

NIH TO SUPPORT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON POTENTIAL BIOHAZARDS IN RESEARCH

A Committee of the Assembly of Life Sciences (ALS), National Research Council issued a public warning about the potential biohazards which could result from experiments with recombinant DNA molecules. The members of the Committee, all leading scientists, asked their research colleagues to suspend two classes of such experiments pending a further study of the hazards and the development of protective measures.

The committee requested the NIH to support an international meeting of scientists concerned with the hazards of this type of research, and to establish and support an advisory committee to construct a program to evaluate the hazards and suggest means of protection.

NIH has given serious study to this issue for some time and will soon publish guidelines for assuring proper handling of such agents while at the same time encouraging the remarkably able work of the molecular biologists, virologists, and geneticists who are pushing forward at this leading edge of science. The NIH Associate Director for Collaborative Research has been in communication with the National Academy of Science (NAS) and with the chairman of the ALS committee to set up the necessary task order for organizing the conference under the current NIH/NAS contract. The advisory committee will be set up within NIH, with support from the National Cancer Institute and possibly other Institutes, depending on discussions currently being held. Liaison will also be established with the NSF, the Bureau of Biologics, FDA, and other agencies. (Dr. Leon Jacobs, 14-63111)



NIH TO TEST EXTERNAL "ARTIFICIAL LUNG"

The National Heart and Lung Institute's Division of Lung Diseases is launching a three-year, \$6 million collaborative program involving nine institutions which will test the therapeutic efficacy of the extracorporeal membrane oxygenator (ECMO) an external device that provides oxygen to the blood in patients with acute respiratory failure. The study aims to include only patients in acute but potentially reversible respiratory failure whose prospects of recovery are not otherwise dimmed by other severe and chronic diseases. Patients treated by conventional lung-ventilating modes of therapy will be compared with those treated by a combination of the conventional and ECMO therapies. The nine centers are: Department of Surgery, University of California at Irvine; Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, Harvard Medical School; Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania; The Institute of Medical Sciences, Pacific Medical Center in San Francisco; Latter Day Saints Hospital, Salt Lake City; Mount Sinai School of Medicine, New York City; School of Medicine, University of North Carolina; San Francisco General Hospital, University of California; Massachusetts General Hospital, Harvard Medical School. (Mr. Ernest Miner, 14-64236)

NIH DIRECTOR TO ATTEND MEETING IN TOKYO
AND TO VISIT SCIENTIFIC INSTALLATIONS IN DACCA

NIH Director Stone will be a delegate to the Joint Committee meeting of the United States-Japan Medical Cooperative Science Program in Tokyo August 8 and 9. Dr. Ivan Bennett, Jr., Provost of the Medical Center and Dean of the Medical School, New York University, is Chairman of the delegation. After the Tokyo meeting Dr. Stone will visit the Cholera Research Laboratory (CRL) and the International Center for Medical Research (ICMR) in Dacca, Bangladesh. NIH administers the CRL through an interagency agreement with the Agency for International Development. The ICMR, funded by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases is operated by Johns Hopkins University. (Mr. Robert Schreiber, 14-65717)



DR. KIRSCHSTEIN TO HEAD NIH'S NATIONAL
INSTITUTE OF GENERAL MEDICAL SCIENCES

Dr. Ruth L. Kirschstein, Deputy Associate Commissioner for Science, FDA, has been named Acting Director of the National Institute of General Medical Sciences. She will fill the position vacated by Dr. DeWitt Stetten who became the NIH Deputy Director for Science. Dr. Kirschstein who received her M.D. from Tulane University School of Medicine in 1951 is the first woman to become director of an NIH Institute. She first came to NIH as a trainee of the National Heart Institute in 1954. (Mr. Storm Whaley, 14-64461)

DR. LAMONT-HAVERS NOW OFFICIALLY NIH DEPUTY DIRECTOR

The designation of Dr. Ronald Lamont-Havers as Deputy Director NIH has been approved by the Civil Service Commission and will become effective August 4. Dr. Lamont-Havers has served as Acting Deputy Director since May 20.
(Mr. Storm Whaley, 14-64461)

RL Lamont-Havers
for
Robert S. Stone, M.D.



MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE
NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

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TO : Assistant Secretary for Health
Through ES/H _____

DATE: AUG 1 1974

FROM : Director, NIH

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

NHLI SUPPORTS NATIONAL RESEARCH AND DEMONSTRATION CENTERS

The National Heart and Lung Institute has awarded more than \$2.5 million to establish a National Research and Demonstration Center at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, and another \$500,000 to establish a Center at the King County Central Blood Bank, Seattle, Washington. The Baylor Center will focus on heart and blood vessel diseases, particularly arteriosclerosis and its complications. The principal investigator is Doctor Michael E. DeBakey, Chairman of the Department of Surgery and President of Baylor College of Medicine. The King County Central Blood Bank will work to improve procedures for the acquisition, processing, storage, distribution, and clinical use of blood and blood products. Principal investigator is Dr. Dennis M. Donohue, Director of the Blood Bank. (Mr. Ernest Miner, 14-64236)

SCIENCE WRITERS SEMINAR ON MONGOLISM

The National Institute of Child Health and Human Development will hold a seminar for science writers on the subject of mongolism (Down's Syndrome) at NIH on August 9, 1974. Participants will include scientists from NICHD as well as from UCLA, Northwestern, and Columbia University. (Ms. Jane Shure, 14-65133)

ENDOCRINE SOCIETY HONORS FOUR NIH SCIENTISTS

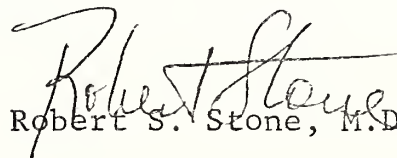
Four NIH scientists were honored at the annual meeting of the Endocrine Society in Atlanta. The Ayers Award for Distinguished Service in Endocrinology was shared by Dr. G. Donald Whedon, Director, National Institute of Arthritis, Metabolism and



Digestive Diseases, Mr. Morris M. Graff and Dr. Robert Towner Hill, both Executive Secretaries, Division of Research Grants. Dr. Jesse Roth, Chief of NIAMDD's Diabetes Branch, received the Ernst Oppenheimer Memorial Award presented to a young investigator for research achievements in endocrinology. (Mr. Victor Wartofsky, 14-63583)

NIH SCIENTIST RECIPIENT OF 1974 LILLY AWARD

Dr. Jesse Roth, Chief of the Diabetes Branch, National Institute of Arthritis, Metabolism, and Digestive Diseases, received the 1974 Lilly Award at the annual meeting of the American Diabetes Association held in Atlanta. He was cited for his "accomplishments in demonstrating the secretion of growth hormone, the secretion of proinsulin and the assessment of its blood levels, and more recently, in the important area of hormone receptors in various tissues such as liver and lymphocytes." (Mr. Victor Wartofsky, 14-63583)


Robert S. Stone, M.D.



MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE Report No. 155
NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

TO : Assistant Secretary for Health
Through: ES/H _____

DATE: August 9, 1974

FROM : Acting Director, NIH

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

NIH AWARDS CONTRACT FOR DOMESTIC PRODUCTION OF RHESUS MONKEYS

The Division of Research Resources has awarded two contracts to establish domestic breeding colonies for rhesus monkeys. One contract for \$191,000 was awarded to Litton Bionetics of Kensington, Md., and the other for \$289,000 to Hazelton Laboratories of Vienna, Va. It is expected that within five years or less the breeding colonies will produce approximately 1,000 monkeys a year. This action is part of a national plan for rhesus monkey supply, which resulted from India's reduction in export and announced intention for further annual reduction quotas. DRR's seven primate centers are also emphasizing domestic breeding of rhesus monkeys.
(Mr. James Augustine, 14-65545)

DR. BEYER IS FOGARTY SCHOLAR AT NIH

Dr. Karl Beyer, Visiting Professor of Pharmacology, Hershey Medical Center, Pennsylvania State University, has joined the Scholars-in-Residence Program of the Fogarty International Center for a four-month period. Dr. Beyer, who received his Ph.D. in physiology and medical degree from the University of Wisconsin, was Senior Vice President for Research, Merck Sharp & Dohme Research Laboratories until his retirement last year. His research interests are in the field of renal and clinical pharmacology. Dr. and Mrs. Beyer will reside in Stone House on the NIH campus. (Mr. George Presson, 14-64625)

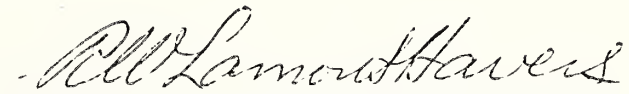
COMMITTEE TO REPORT ON TASTE-SMELL RESEARCH

A report is expected within the next few days from a committee of NIH scientists who have been reviewing the "taste and smell" research program conducted by Dr. Robert Henkin, National Heart and Lung Institute.



The special scientific review of Dr. Henkin's research was requested by the Assistant Secretary for Health following public protests over the announced closing of the program.

The three member review committee was appointed June 17 by Dr. DeWitt Stetten, Jr., Deputy Director for Science. Its Chairman is Dr. Vincent DeVita, National Cancer Institute. (Mr. Storm Whaley, 14-64461)


Ronald W. Lamont-Havers, M.D.

MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE Report No. 156
NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

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TO : Assistant Secretary for Health
Through ES/H _____

DATE: August 15, 1974

FROM : Director, NIH

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

FEDERAL JUDGE VISITS NIH

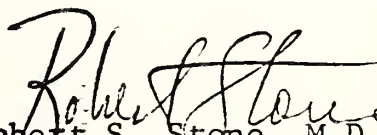
U.S. District Court Judge June Green made an official visit to the National Institutes of Health Tuesday (August 13) to inspect Agency files which have become an issue in a case now being heard in her court.

The Civil Suit, entered last March by the Association for Women in Science, alleges sex discrimination in the processing and awarding of research training grants. Defendants named in the suit include Secretary Weinberger, Director Stone and all NIH Institute Directors.

Following a request by the plaintiffs for grant application files, Judge Green decided to see for herself the nature of the files material with special reference to the need for confidentiality of research protocols, information on unfunded applications, Study Section Summaries, site visit reports and intra-agency memoranda. Several of these questions are at issue in an appeal now pending before the U.S. Court of Appeals in a Freedom of Information case (Washington Research Project, Inc. v. Weinberger, et al). (Storm Whaley, 14-64461)

JAPANESE SCIENTIST DUE TO BECOME FOGARTY SCHOLAR AT NIH

Professor Hideo Nishimura, Department of Anatomy, Faculty of Medicine, Kyoto University, Japan, will become a Fogarty Scholar-in-Residence on August 29. Professor and Mrs. Nishimura will reside in Stone House through December 1974. Professor Nishimura received his medical degree from Kyoto Imperial University. During his stay at NIH he will be involved in the preparation of scientific articles to include a manuscript: "Early Prenatal Medicine--Present Status and Future Perspectives." (George Presson, 14-64625)


Robert S. Stone, M.D.



MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE Report No. 157
NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

: Assistant Secretary for Health
Through: ES/H _____

DATE: August 22, 1974

FROM: Acting Director, NIH

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

NIH-HUD COLLABORATION ON LEAD-BASED PAINT RESEARCH

Representatives of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) have contacted the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) with a proposal for collaboration in biomedical research on lead-based paint. HUD is planning a multimillion dollar program on lead-based paint poisoning in which substantial amounts are to be allocated for biomedical research. Agreement was reached that the objectives and programs (particularly in grants) of NIEHS meshed well with the objectives and needs of HUD.

It is expected that the Secretary of HUD will formally request a subcommittee of the DHEW Committee to Coordinate Toxicology and Related Programs be established to review this problem, to sharpen the focus of research need, and to assist in the coordination of the various research programs. Since NIEHS funds a large part of current research, it is possible that much of the initial HUD research allocation (\$200,000) might be used to supplement NIEHS efforts in existing programs.
(Ms. Elizabeth James, ((919) 549-3345))

NIH APPOINTS DIRECTOR FOR NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF CHILD HEALTH AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Dr. Norman M. Kretchmer has been appointed Director of the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) effective September 1, 1974. Dr. Kretchmer, Professor and Head of Pediatrics at Stanford since 1959, is currently consultant to both the National Institutes of Health and the National Naval Medical Center. He was awarded a Ph.D. in Physiological



Chemistry by the University of Minnesota in 1947 and an M.D. at the College of Medicine, State University of New York in 1952. Dr. Kretchmer replaces the former NICHD director, Dr. Gerald LaVeck. (Ms. Jane Shure, 14-56133)

RW Lamont-Havers
Ronald W. Lamont-Havers, M.D.



MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE Report No. 158
NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

Assistant Secretary for Health
Through: ES/H _____

DATE: August 30, 1974

TO : Director, NIH

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

NIH PROMPTS CHANGE IN CIVIL SERVICE DRIVING RULES FOR EPILEPTICS

The National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Stroke has prompted a change in U.S. Civil Service Commission guidelines for operation of U.S. government vehicles by persons who have epilepsy. The old guidelines stipulated that an epileptic must be seizure-free for 2 years without medication to qualify for a government driver's license. The revised rule allows licensing for medically qualified persons with epilepsy who are seizure-free for 2 years whether or not they are on medication. The change resulted from inquiries by NINDS personnel to the Medical Director of the Civil Service Commission. Information and suggestions for revising the guidelines were furnished by the NINDS Section on Epilepsy. (Ms. Ruth Dudley, 14-65751)

NIH SCIENTIST SELECTED FOR THE EMILY COOLEY MEMORIAL AWARD

Dr. Paul J. Schmidt, Chief of the NIH Clinical Center's Blood Bank, will receive the Emily Cooley Memorial Award at the American Association of Blood Banks Technical Seminar November 11, 1974. He will give the Cooley Lecture which is the highlight of the AABB's Anaheim, California meeting. Dr. Schmidt was selected for the annual award for his work in blood transfusion and blood banking including his leadership in a program of study in post-transfusion hepatitis. (Ms. Elsie Fahrenthold, 14-62563)

WORLD WAR I MEDICINE EXHIBIT OPENS AT NIH

A new presentation in the National Library of Medicine's ongoing exhibit series, will open September 3 in the Library's lobby. Entitled MEDICINE OF WORLD WAR I, it is composed of



photographs, posters, books, and manuscripts from the Library's extensive historical collection. Artifacts are also on loan from the Museum of the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology. Hours are 8:30 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. weekdays and 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Saturdays until January 17, 1975.
(Mr. Robert Mehnert, 14-66308)


Robert S. Stone, M.D.



MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE Report No. 159
NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

Assistant Secretary for Health
Through: ES/H_____

DATE: September 5, 1974

TO: Director, NIH

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

NIH ANNOUNCES NEW INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH EXCHANGE PROGRAM

The Fogarty International Center of NIH is currently accepting applications for Senior International Fellowships for outstanding mid-career faculty members of U.S. schools of medicine, osteopathy, dentistry and public health.

Objectives of the new program announced in the Federal Register August 9, 1974, are: 1) to increase the interchange of ideas between U.S. scholars in academic medicine and those of other nations; 2) exchange of the latest advances in basic and clinical medicine; 3) permit participation in on-going research in the medical sciences or related sciences; and 4) improve the academic, research and/or clinical biomedical potential of the U.S. medical institution.

Nominations must be made by the U.S. institution, and include a letter of invitation from the host institution. The first awards will be made in June 1975. The application deadline is January 15. (Dr. James Haggerty, 14-64161)

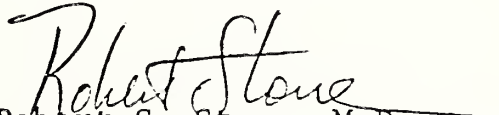
THREE NOBEL LAUREATES TO PARTICIPATE IN NIH SPONSORED INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP

Nobel Laureates Edelman, Luria, and Nirenberg will lead a conference on "Cell Surfaces and Malignancy" to be held September 11-13 in Stone House on the NIH campus. During the international workshop, sponsored by the Fogarty International Center, experts in physical and biological chemistry will review the current level of knowledge and methodology in dealing with cell surfaces. It is expected that the review and exchange of information will allow a clarification and refocusing of the most immediate applications to cancer research. (Dr. Peter Mora, 14-66538)



NIH CLINICAL CENTER IS SUBJECT FOR WTTG TV

"Research and Treatment at the NIH Clinical Center" is the subject of a five-part series for WTTG (Channel 5) 10 O'clock News. The series which is being filmed with Newscaster Deborah Mathis, is expected to be completed by September 11. Dates for showing will be announced later.
(Ms. Elsie Fahrenthold, 14-62563)


Robert S. Stone, M.D.

MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE Report No. 160
NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

TO : Assistant Secretary for Health
Through: ES/H _____

DATE: September 13, 1974

FROM : Director, NIH

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

NIH TO AWARD LUNG DISEASES RESEARCH GRANT TO UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT

The National Heart and Lung Institute will hold a joint press conference with the University of Vermont at Burlington on Friday, September 13, to announce the award of approximately \$900,000 by NHLI for the establishment of a National Research and Demonstration Center at the University of Vermont. The Center's program will concentrate on lung diseases, with special emphasis on occupational pulmonary disorders resulting from prolonged exposure to harmful dusts and fumes in various industries and occupations. The principal investigator is Dr. Gareth M. Green, Professor of Medicine at the University of Vermont College of Medicine. (Mr. Ernest Miner, 14-64236)

NIH SCIENTIST TO APPEAR ON TV SPECIAL FEATURING HUNTINGTON'S DISEASE

Dr. Thomas Chase, Acting Director of Intramural Research, National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Stroke will appear on a half hour TV special "The Fight Against Huntington's Disease." The special is scheduled for 1:00 P.M., Saturday, September 14 on WRC-TV (Channel 4). Dr. Chase is one of a half dozen investigators in the United States conducting clinical studies on this hereditary degenerative neurological disorder. (Ms. Ruth Dudley, 14-65751)

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL RESEARCH GRANTS INDEX PUBLISHED BY NIH

The thirteenth annual "Research Grants Index" has been published by the Division of Research Grants. The Index contains scientific data on more than 20,000 active Public Health Service grants and



contracts awarded during FY 1973. The first of two volumes cites approximately 7,900 subjects listed by the identification numbers of pertinent projects followed by the title. Volume II contains an alphabetical list of the investigators, grantee addresses, project titles, and citations to recent investigator publications. (Ms. Jane Knapp, 14-67954)

NIH SCIENTIST AWARDED GOLD-HEADED
CANE FOR VETERINARY RESEARCH

Dr. Herbert Stoenner, Director of the Rocky Mountain Laboratory of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases in Hamilton, Montana was awarded the "Karl F. Meyer Gold-Headed Cane" and a honorary diploma by the American Veterinary Epidemiology Society. The presentation was made at the recent meeting of the American Veterinary Medical Association in Denver, Colorado. The award originated in London in 1759 as a means to set apart the scientist from his peers (most of whom carried canes) as one who had achieved excellence in his field. Dr. Stoenner was cited for his contributions in advancing "Veterinary Public Health and Research."
(Mr. Robert Schreiber, 14-65717)

NIH LIBRARY ADMINISTRATOR TO BECOME
PRESIDENT-ELECT OF INFORMATION SCIENCE SOCIETY

Mr. Melvin S. Day, Deputy Director of the National Library of Medicine will be installed as president-elect of the American Society for Information Science at its annual meeting in Atlanta on October 16, 1974. (Mr. Robert Mehnert, 14-66308)


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MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE Report No. 161
NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

TO : Assistant Secretary for Health
Through: ES/H _____

DATE: September 20, 1974

FROM : Acting Director, NIH

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

NIH TO HOLD SPINAL MANIPULATIVE THERAPY WORKSHOP

The National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Stroke will sponsor a workshop on the Research Status of Spinal Manipulative Therapy at NIH February 2-4, 1975. The Workshop is being held in response to an instruction from the Congress to the NINDS for an "independent, unbiased study of the fundamentals of the chiropractic profession," and will focus on what is known and unknown about the biological and clinical science aspects of spinal manipulative therapy. Participants will include fifty scientists and clinicians of national and international reputation. The Workshop will be open to the public within the limitations of available space.
(Dr. Murray Goldstein, 14-67705)

ASIAN-AMERICAN CULTURE WEEK TO BE OBSERVED AT NIH

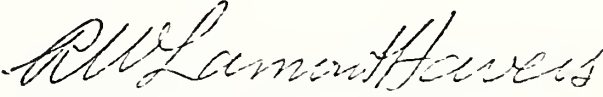
NIH will sponsor an Asian-American Cultural Week during a three-day period, September 23, 25 and 27 in the Clinical Center auditorium starting each day at noon. Program events will include Japanese poetry reading, Korean folk dancing, a karate demonstration, and performing arts presentations by Chinese, Eastern Indian, Filipino and Japanese groups.
(Mr. George Yee, 14-66301)

NIH FIRST ALUMNI REUNION TO BE FIRST BICENTENNIAL EVENT

The first event scheduled on the NIH campus as part of HEW's celebration of the nation's Bicentennial is NIH's FIRST ALUMNI REUNION. The event, for former NIH scientists and administrators will take place during the weekend of April 19-20, 1975. Former



NIH'er Dr. Sidney Udenfriend, Director Roche Institute of Molecular Biology, who proposed the idea for a reunion, has mailed more than 4,000 invitations to date. He heads an ad hoc committee composed of twenty other NIH Alumni to include members from six foreign countries. Tentative plans call for a plenary session on Saturday morning to be followed by other activities, including receptions, special exhibits, entertainment and refreshments. An NIH Host Committee is chaired by Dr. Thressa Stadtman and Dr. Karl Piez.
(Mr. Huly Bray, 14-62071)


Ronald W. Lamont-Havers, M.D.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
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TO : Assistant Secretary for Health
Through: ES/H _____

DATE: SEP 27 1974

FROM : Director, NIH

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

WORKSHOP ON PROBLEM OF DATA INTERPRETATION IN ESTIMATING HUMAN CANCER RISK FROM ANIMAL EXPERIMENTS

A workshop to consider the statistical problems in developing procedures for projecting the results of animal experiments to man will be held at Wrightsville Beach, North Carolina, September 30 - October 2. NIH's National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, (NIEHS), sponsor of the workshop, has a major concern with the statistical and biological problems of relating animal carcinogenesis data to human risk assessment. Presentations will be made by leading scientists from NIEHS, National Cancer Institute, New York University Medical Center, University of Washington at Seattle, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, and Radcliffe Infirmary of Oxford.

In all about 40 scientists and statisticians are expected to attend. In addition, the meeting will be attended by a staff member from Senator Gaylord Nelson's office, and science writers from the Washington Star-News and New York Times.
(Ms. Elizabeth James, FTS 8 (919) 549-3345)

SABIN MAKES FORTHRIGHT RETRACTION OF HIS EARLIER REPORT ON VIRAL CANCER

Time magazine's current (Sept. 20) issue records a retraction by Dr. Albert Sabin of his 1973 report linking the common herpes simplex virus with human cancer. Dr. Sabin, developer of the live-virus polio vaccine bearing his name, is currently an expert consultant to the National Cancer Institute. The magazine stated that Dr. Sabin will shortly publish in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences a paper retracting his earlier announcement because he had been unable to duplicate the findings on which the report was based. In discussing the retraction, Time quoted him as saying, "I've been a scientist too long not to do it."



Dr. Sabin has been appointed distinguished research professor of biomedicine at the Medical University of South Carolina and will leave NIH about November 1. He was a Fogarty Scholar-in-Residence during 1973. Prior to his arrival at NIH, Dr. Sabin was President of the Weizmann Institute in Rehovot, Israel. (Mr. Paul Van Nevel, 14-66631)

COMPUTERS IN CARDIOLOGY CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AT NIH

An international conference to discuss the application of computers to problems in clinical cardiology will be held at NIH October 2-4. The conference is sponsored by NIH's Division of Computer Research and Technology and the National Heart and Lung Institute, the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, and the European Society of Cardiology. Approximately 350 engineers, computer scientists, and clinical investigators are expected to attend. (Mrs. Joan Chase, 14-66203)

NIH ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR FOR PROGRAM PLANNING AND EVALUATION RETIRES AFTER 25-YEAR CAREER

Dr. Thomas J. Kennedy, Jr., Associate Director for Program Planning and Evaluation, NIH, retired from Federal service on August 31. Dr. Kennedy was commissioned a Public Health Service officer in 1950 at which time he started his career on the NIH campus as an investigator with the National Heart Institute. He has accepted a position with the National Academy of Sciences as Executive Director of the Assembly of Life Science, National Research Council. (Mr. Storm Whaley, 14-64461)

FIRST FOGARTY SCHOLAR FROM GERMANY ARRIVES AT NIH

Professor Theodor Wieland of Heidelberg, Germany has joined the Fogarty Scholars-in-Residence Program for a three-month period. Professor Wieland is Director of the Department of Chemistry, Max Planck Institute for Medical Research. An internationally known chemist, Professor Wieland will work with NIH intramural scientists in the area of organic and biological chemistry. He and Mrs. Wieland will reside at Stone House through mid-December this year. (Mr. George Presson, 14-64625)

Robert S. Stone
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE Report No. 162
NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

TO : Assistant Secretary for Health
Through: ES/H _____

DATE: October 3, 1974

FROM : Acting Director, NIH

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

NIH EVALUATES EPILEPSY DRUG FOR PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANY BEFORE FDA APPROVAL

The National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Stroke (NINDS) has cooperated with the CIBA-GEIGY pharmaceutical company in evaluating an epilepsy drug which the company has developed called Tegretol. This is the first instance wherein a Federal health research agency and a drug manufacturer have cooperated providing data for evaluation of an epilepsy drug. This drug will be used for control of seizures experienced by epilepsy sufferers who are unresponsive to standard drug therapy. Tegretol, which is a trade name for the compound carbamazepine, has been used to treat epilepsy in other countries for over a decade, but has been authorized in the United States only for treating a painful face ailment (trigeminal neuralgia). Based on NINDS studies, the drug has now been approved for prescription use by the Food and Drug Administration for those epilepsies involving temporal lobe or psychomotor and grand mal seizures. (Mrs. Ruth Dudley, 14-65751)

NIH TO HOLD INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM AT RESTON, VIRGINIA

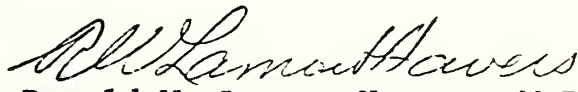
The Fogarty International Center and the National Heart and Lung Institute will sponsor an international symposium on "The Chemistry and Biology of the Kallikrein-Kinin System in Health and Disease." The meeting will be held October 20-23, 1974 at the Sheraton International Conference Center, Reston, Virginia. The study of the K-K system is new within the last ten years and may be important especially in the treatment of arthritis and hypertension. Purpose of the meeting is to assemble scientists who are making substantial contributions to understanding of the K-K system in order to evaluate new discoveries, define problem areas, and set directions for further research.



Among the program participants from abroad are scientists from the University of Munich, Osaka University, University of Oslo, Escola Paulista de Medicina University of Rome, Royal College of Surgeons and the University of Alberta.
(Dr. Maureen Harris, 14-64331)

NIH SCIENTIST TO GIVE THE G. BURROUGHS MIDER LECTURE

Dr. Elizabeth Neufeld, Chief, Section of Human Biochemical Genetics, National Institute of Arthritis, Metabolism, and Digestive Diseases, will give the G. Burroughs Mider Lecture on October 9, 1974 at 8:15 P.M. in the NIH Clinical Center auditorium. Dr. Neufeld's subject is "Inherited Lysosomal Disorders Studies in Cell Culture."
(Mr. Victor Wartofsky, 14-63583)


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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
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TO : Assistant Secretary for Health
Through: ES/H _____

DATE: October 11, 1974

FROM : Director, NIH

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

NIH OFFICIALS APPEAR IN PITTSBURGH PRESS CONFERENCE

One aftermath of the widely publicized September 30 report of the Breast Cancer Task Force was a public charge that patient consent procedures for a part of the study were inadequate. The Center for Law and Social Policy criticized the consent procedures used by Dr. Bernard Fisher, Professor of Surgery, University of Pittsburgh, who headed the National Surgical Adjuvant Breast Project.

Reacting to strong criticisms in articles published in local newspapers, the University arranged a press conference on October 2, at which Dr. Fisher explained the methods used for outlining to patients their options if they wished to participate in the study. Deputy NIH Director Ronald Lamont-Havers, NCI Director Frank Rauscher, as well as Dr. Nat Berlin and Dr. Paul Carbone of the National Cancer Institute participated in the press conference, supporting Dr. Fisher, and assisting in explaining the procedures used in the study.
(Mr. Storm Whaley, 14-64461)

NIH AWARDS RESEARCH CONTRACTS TO IMPROVE CANCER OF CERVIX TEST

The National Cancer Institute has awarded research contracts to nine universities and research institutes for the purpose of improving the Papanicolaou test for cancer of the cervix. Under the contracts, which have a first-year total of \$1,670,791, the Pap test will be studied and modified for rapid analysis by automated instruments. The contracts involve the University of Alabama; State University of New York; Karolinska Institutet,

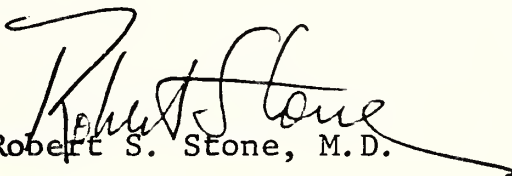


Sweden; Lawrence Livermore Laboratory (AEC), California; Montifiore Hospital, New York; Papanicolaou Cancer Research Institute, Florida; Pennsylvania State University; Polysciences, Inc., Pennsylvania; University of Chicago.
(Dr. Robert Hadsell, 14-66641)

POLISH VISITORS AT NIH

Mrs. Edward Gierек, wife of the First Secretary of the Central Committee of the Polish United Workers Party toured the NIH Clinical Center on Wednesday, October 9. Mrs. Gierек was greeted at the Clinical Center by Doctors Philippe Cardon, Jr. and Enger Rosvold and escorted to the National Cancer Institute's Children's Leukemia Unit where she was briefed by Dr. Brigit Leventhal.

The Vice Minister of Health and Social Welfare of Poland, Dr. Jozef Grenda is scheduled to tour the NIH Clinical Center starting at 2 P.M., Friday, October 11. Dr. Grenda, a surgeon, will be accompanied by Mr. Roman Wojnicki, Science Attache with the Polish Embassy, and will be met on arrival at the Clinical Center by Dr. Cardon. The Vice Minister is travelling with the delegation from Poland headed by Mr. Gierек.
(Mrs. Mary Calley, 14-63475)


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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
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NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

: Assistant Secretary for Health
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DATE: October 18, 1974

TO : Director, NIH

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

THREE NEW ORGANIZATIONS TO BE ESTABLISHED IN OFFICE OF DIRECTOR NIH

Recent legislation necessitates the establishment of two new organizational units within the Office of the Director, NIH. NIH will provide funds and space for the National Commission for the Protection of Human Subjects of Biomedical and Behavioral Research created by P.L. 93-348, "The National Research Act." A branch in the Office of the Director, entitled the Office of the National Commission on Protection of Human Subjects, will carry out this function.

In addition, the Institutional Relations Branch of NIH's Division of Research Grants has been transferred to the Office of the Director and redesignated the Office for Protection from Research Risks. This office will work closely with the newly created National Commission.

NIH will also provide temporary funding and position support for the President's Biomedical Research Panel, required by P.L. 93-352. An office, with the same title as the Panel, has been established in OD to support this function until it is transferred to ASH. (Mr. Leon Schwartz, 14-64466)

NIH AWARDS CONTRACT TO STUDY FLUORIDE RELEASE IN MOUTH TO FIGHT TOOTH DECAY

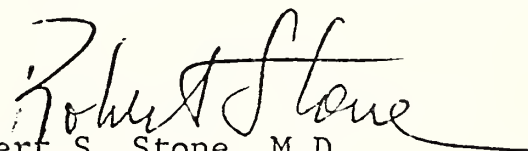
The National Institute of Dental Research (NIDR) has awarded a \$57,848 one-year contract to Polysciences, Inc. of Warrington, Pennsylvania to develop a system of prolonged release of fluoride in the mouth as a means of fighting tooth decay. Recent NIDR



studies with animals show that the greatest protection against decay comes from frequent exposure to low levels of fluoride dissolved in the mouth rather than from the incorporation of high levels of fluoride into the teeth. The investigations with a suitable animal model system will attempt to determine if a system of releasing fluoride over a period of six months is feasible for human use. (Mrs. Tula Brocard, 14-64261)

NIH SPONSORS WORKSHOP ON PSYCHOSOCIAL
ASPECTS OF CRANIOFACIAL MALFORMATIONS

The National Institute of Dental Research sponsored a workshop on the "Psychosocial Aspects of Craniofacial Malformations" October 15-17 at Hilton Head Island, South Carolina. Purpose of the workshop, involving approximately thirty scientists, was to assess the state of the art of research in such malformations and to develop guidelines for needed research to answer questions related to measuring the need for treatment of craniofacial anomalies, in particular, malocclusion, from a psychosocial standpoint. Chairman was Dr. George Stricker, Professor and Assistant Dean, Institute of Advanced Psychological Studies, Adelphi University, Garden City, New York.
(Dr. H. George Hausch, 14-67807)


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DATE: OCT 25 1974

FROM : Director, NIH

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

TWO NIH GRANTEES SHARE NOBEL PRIZE WITH ANOTHER SCIENTIST

Two NIH grantees, Dr. George Emil Palade and Dr. Christian de Duve, shared the Nobel Prize for Medicine or Physiology with Dr. Albert Claude, head of the Institute Jules Bordet in Brussels. Dr. Palade is a grantee of both the National Institute of General Medical Sciences and the National Heart and Lung Institute. He heads the NIGMS supported Molecular Pathology Center at Yale University. Dr. de Duve, a National Institute of Child Health and Human Development grantee, heads a program project on mechanisms of cellular aging and degeneration and conducts his research at Rockefeller University and at the University of Louvain in Brussels. (Mr. Irving Goldberg, 14-65787)

THE PRESIDENT REQUESTS INFORMATION TO SUPPORT REGULATION OF HIGH TAR AND NICOTINE CIGARETTES

President Ford has requested information to be available not later than December 1, 1974, to support a recommendation made by the National Cancer Advisory Board (NCAB) for regulation of high tar and nicotine cigarettes. An NCAB subcommittee will meet Friday, November 1 at 2:00 P.M., Conference Room 4, Building 31 on the NIH campus, to identify and organize available scientific information. Attendance by the public will be limited to space available. (Dr. Gio Gori, 14-66616)

DR. GAJDUSEK TO PRESENT DYER LECTURE AT NIH

Dr. D. Carleton Gajdusek, who was elected to membership in the National Academy of Sciences this year, will deliver the 24th Annual R. E. Dyer Lecture in the NIH Clinical Center auditorium

on Wednesday, November 6 at 8:15 P.M. Dr. Gajdusek, Chief of the Laboratory of Central Nervous System Studies, will discuss his research to find the cause of kuru, the first chronic degenerative disease of man proved to be a slow-virus infection. Dr. Gajdusek began studying kuru in the mountainous interior of New Guinea in 1956.

The Lecture was established in September 1950 to honor Dr. Rolla Eugene Dyer, a former NIH Director.
(Mr. Robert Schreiber, 14-65717)

DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE
TO SPEAK AT NATIONAL PRESS CLUB

Dr. Frank J. Rauscher, Jr., Director, National Cancer Institute will speak at the National Press Club Luncheon on Thursday, November 7 at 12:30 P.M. His remarks will cover recent accomplishments and future direction of the National Cancer Program. (Mr. Storm Whaley, 14-64461)


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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
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TO : Assistant Secretary for Health
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DATE: November 1, 1974

FROM : Director, NIH

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

US-USSR WORKSHOPS HELD AT NIH

A workshop to exchange ideas among American and Soviet scientists on blood components and prevention of hepatitis, with particular reference to cardiovascular surgery, was held at NIH October 21-23. The organization of joint working meetings, scientific conferences and symposia, and the planning of joint investigations were also discussed. Chairman for the workshop involving approximately twenty scientists, was Dr. Ernest Simon, Director of Blood Diseases and Resources, National Heart and Lung Institute.

During a second workshop held at NIH October 29-31, approximately fifteen Soviet and U.S. participants discussed the initial efforts made by each side to develop a comparative study of differential approaches for the medical and surgical treatment of ischemic heart disease. Dr. Peter Frommer, Associate Director Cardiology, NHLI was chairman. (Dr. Ruth J. Hegyeli, 14-66331)

NIH DIRECTOR TO SPEAK AT AAMC ANNUAL MEETING IN CHICAGO

NIH Director Dr. Robert Stone, will be the Gus Carroll Lecturer on Tuesday, November 12 during the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Colleges at the Conrad Hilton in Chicago. Dr. Stone's topic will be "Bridging the Gap Between the Management Decision Maker and the Management Scientist".
(Mr. Irving Goldberg, 14-65787)


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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
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TO : Assistant Secretary for Health
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DATE: November 8, 1974

FROM : Director, NIH

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

CHINESE PHARMACOLOGISTS TO VISIT NIH

Seven members of a Pharmacology Study Group from the People's Republic of China will visit NIH for three days November 25-27. The group headed by Wen Tsien, Deputy Head, Institute of Materia Medica, Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences, Peking, will visit a number of laboratories on the NIH campus for observation and discussion. Following NIH the group will visit Hoffmann-LaRoche, Inc., Duke University, Yale University, Cornell Medical School, Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, Rockefeller University, Mount Sinai School of Medicine, Johns Hopkins University and Roswell Park Memorial Institute. There is a possibility that the group will visit NIH's National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences while in Raleigh-Durham during the Thanksgiving Holiday weekend. (Mrs. Dorothy Horlander, 14-66166)

NIH SCIENTIST IS PRESENTED AWARD BY GERONTOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Dr. Reuben Andres, Assistant Chief, Gerontology Research Center, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, was presented the Robert W. Kleemeier Award last week by the Gerontological Society. The presentation was made in Portland, Oregon at the Society's 27th Annual Meeting. The award, named in memory of the Society's 21st president, is given each year to a member who had made outstanding contributions to aging research. Dr. Andres was recognized for his commitment to clinical research on problems of the elderly. He is especially concerned with finding better methods to identify "true" diabetes in the aged. (Ms. Jane Shure, 14-65133)

LAB ANIMAL MAGAZINE COVER STORY FEATURES NIH ANIMAL CARE TRAINING PROGRAM

A cover story appears in the September-October issue of LAB ANIMAL which describes a new audiovisual training program to

teach entry-level animal technicians better care techniques. The 30-lesson program entitled LABORATORY ANIMAL CARE, was developed under contract by the University of California at San Francisco for NIH's Division of Research Resources (DRR). Dr. Joseph Spinelli, Director of the University's Animal Care Facility, produced the program which was previewed for the first time by DRR at the recent meeting of the American Association for Laboratory Animal Science in Cincinnati. (Mr. James Augustine, 14-65545)

NIH TO BE REPRESENTED ON FEDERAL TASK FORCE FOR COMPUTER
SYSTEMS SECURITY

Dr. Carl D. Douglass, Deputy Director of the NIH Division of Research Grants, has been appointed to membership on the Federal Information Processing Standards Task Group 15 (FIPS TG-15), Computer Systems Security. Appointments to the Task Group are made by the Assistant Secretary for Science and Technology, Department of Commerce.

The Task Group was established to advise the Secretary of Commerce on matters relating to the Nation's need for protecting the confidentiality of information being processed in computer systems. It will identify common computer system security problems and requirements, review development programs in technical areas of security, assist in developing a taxonomy of Federal ADP security requirements, and propose standards and guidelines for Federal agencies in computer systems security. FIPS TG-15 will meet every six to eight weeks and is expected to continue for approximately two years. (Jane Knapp, 14-67954)


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FROM : Director, NIH

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

OVER 35,000 ARTICLES PUBLISHED AS RESULT OF NIH RESEARCH SUPPORT

A just-issued report from the NIH Division of Research Grants shows that in fiscal year 1974, NIH awarded more than 13,500 grants in support of research projects. During that time 35,000 scientific articles attributable to this support were published in journals, as books, or as monographs. In addition, NIH-supported investigators published in 90 of the journals listed in the National Library of Medicine's "List of 100 Titles for Abridged Index Medicus (AIM)." Publication in the journals included in AIM has a significant impact on bringing results of medical research to the improvement of health care because these are the journals used primarily by practicing physicians. (Mr. William Hollman, 14-67543)

EVALUATION AND PLANNING WORKSHOP ON IDIOPATHIC SCOLIOSIS SPONSORED BY NIH

The National Institute of Arthritis, Metabolism, and Digestive Diseases sponsored a three-day evaluation and planning workshop on Idiopathic Scoliosis November 14-16. The purpose of the workshop was to identify and establish priorities for areas of investigations which might lead to better methods for prevention and treatment of this spinal problem. Chairman of the meeting which was held in Chicago was Dr. Charles Herndon, Division of Orthopedic Surgery, Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine. (Mr. Victor Wartofsky, 14-63583)

NIH CONFERENCE HELD ON EFFECTS OF AGING ON THE IMMUNE SYSTEM

Last week approximately 25 scientists met in Louisville, Kentucky to review, evaluate and indicate possible new directions



for research into effects of aging in the immune system. Chairman for the conference was Dr. Lester Smith, Health Scientist Administrator, Adult Development and Aging Branch, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development. It is expected that participation in this conference of immunologists not directly involved in research in aging, together with those who are, will broaden evaluation of completed research and will assist program development in the new NIH Institute of Aging which was authorized May 31, 1974. (Mrs. Mildred Easton, 14-65481)

for *Dewitt Stetten*
Robert S. Stone, M.D.



MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
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NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

TO : Assistant Secretary for Health
Through: ES/H _____

DATE: NOV 22 1974

FROM : Director, NIH

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

NIH SCIENTISTS REVERSE COURSE OF METABOLIC DISORDER THROUGH ENZYME REPLACEMENT

For the second time in less than a year researchers at the National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Stroke have been able to reverse the course of a hereditary metabolic disorder through enzyme replacement therapy - this time in two patients with Gaucher's disease.

In an earlier study, Dr. Roscoe Brady, Chief of the Developmental and Metabolic Neurology Branch, and his associates were able to reverse the effects of the metabolic defect in two patients with Fabry's disease by injecting the enzyme that is missing in that disorder.

Like Fabry's and the nine other lipid storage diseases that have been clinically identified, Gaucher's disease is caused by a deficiency of one of the enzymes needed to help the body in the normal disposal of lipids or fat particles which accumulate in the liver, spleen, kidneys, and bone marrow. (Ms. Ruth Dudley, 14-65751)

NIH NATIONALLY SHARED COMPUTER FACILITY TO PROVIDE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN MEDICINE IS DEDICATED

A new NIH Division of Research Resources (DRR) facility, the Stanford University Medical Experimental Computer (SUMEX), was dedicated last week. It is the first nationally shared computer facility to focus on the use of artificial intelligence in medicine, and is supported by a \$2.5 million 5-year grant. Speakers included Dr. Joshua Lederberg, Nobel Laureate in genetics and principal investigator of the resource, and Dr. Thomas G. Bowery, Director of DRR. Stanford's artificial intelligence research is directed toward computerizing information processing tasks generally considered to require human intelligence,



for example, the cognitive activities associated with glaucoma control, and recognition of paranoid behavior.
(Mr. James Augustine, 14-65545)

NIH'S DR. ANFINSSEN HONORED BY WEIZMANN INSTITUTE FELLOWSHIP

A fellowship to honor Dr. Christian B. Anfinsen, winner of the 1972 Nobel Prize in Chemistry, has been endowed at the Weizmann Institute of Science at Rehovoth, Israel. Dr. Anfinsen is Chief of the Laboratory of Chemical Biology, National Institute of Arthritis, Metabolism, and Digestive Diseases. The fellowship will make it possible for an exchange of young, promising Israeli and U.S. scientists who wish to extend their training.
(Mr. Victor Wartofsky, 14-63583)

DR. KOPROWSKI TO PRESENT JULES FREUND LECTURE AT NIH

Dr. Hilary Koprowski, Director of the Wistar Institute of Anatomy and Biology, will present the Thirteenth Annual Jules Freund Memorial Seminar at noon on Tuesday, November 26 in the NIH Clinical Center auditorium. Dr. Koprowski's subject is "The Task of Seeing the Virus and Host as Non-Separate Realities." The seminar was established in honor of the first chief of the Laboratory of Immunology, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. The Wistar Institute is located in Philadelphia. (Mr. Robert Schreiber, 14-65717)

NIH MAKES 107% OF COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN QUOTA

As of the close of the 1974 Combined Federal Campaign on November 15, NIH had achieved 107% of its quota for a total of \$200,756.00. The average gift was \$32.14. Thirteen of NIH's 17 organizations reached or surpassed 100% of their quotas. The Director NIH will present "Certificates of Achievement" to the 100% units as well as to outstanding unit coordinators in a ceremony at 2:00 P.M. in Wilson Hall on December 17.
(Dr. Milo Leavitt, 14-61415)


Robert S. Stone, M.D.

TO : Assistant Secretary for Health
Through: ES/H _____

DATE: November 29, 1974 -

FROM : Director, NIH

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

SPECIAL ASSISTANT APPOINTED AT NIH AS LIAISON
WITH PRESIDENT'S BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH PANEL

Dr. Seymour Perry has been appointed as Special Assistant to the Director NIH. In this position, Dr. Perry will serve as the focal point for, and the chief NIH liaison officer with, the President's Biomedical Research Panel, including the Panel's staff and such supporting advisory groups, task forces, and consultants as may be involved in the work of the Panel. Dr. Perry was formerly Acting Director of the Division of Cancer Treatment, National Cancer Institute.

(Mr. Irving Goldberg, 14-65787)

CONTRACTS TOTALING NEARLY \$17 MILLION AWARDED
BY NIH TO 14 ORGANIZATIONS FOR LIPID RESEARCH

This week the National Heart and Lung Institute awarded contracts totaling \$16,791,000 to the 14 units participating in the Lipid Research Clinics Program. This program includes as one of its major elements the Type II Coronary Prevention Trial. This 7-year study is designed to assess the effectiveness of measures for reducing elevated blood cholesterol levels in preventing or slowing down the development of premature atherosclerosis, coronary heart disease, and such consequences as angina pectoris, acute heart attacks, and sudden cardiac death. The study will be carried out among approximately 4,000 male volunteers, age 35-59, who have not yet developed overt signs or symptoms of coronary heart disease, but whose risk of doing so is increased by a blood-lipid disorder called Type II hyperlipoproteinemia. This is one of the most common blood-lipid abnormalities and also one of the most dangerous because of the high attendant risk of premature atherosclerosis. (Mr. William Sanders, 14-65343)

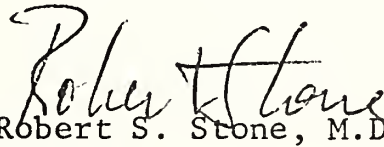


DR. WHEDON AWARDED NASA MEDAL FOR SCIENTIFIC ACHIEVEMENT

Dr. G. Donald Whedon, Director of the National Institute of Arthritis, Metabolism, and Digestive Diseases, was awarded the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Exceptional Scientific Achievement Medal. The presentation was made during a special NASA Skylab Awards Ceremony in Huntsville, Alabama on November 21. The medal was awarded to Dr. Whedon "in recognition of his outstanding medical and scientific accomplishments while serving as a Skylab medical experiment principal investigator of the effects of space flight on human musculoskeletal metabolism." Dr. Whedon, for several years a member of the Biomedical Subcommittee of NASA's Science and Technology Advisory Committee, was recently appointed chairman of the Life Sciences Committee of NASA's Space Program Advisory Council. (Mr. Victor Wartofsky, 14-63583)

NIH SCIENTIST REPORTS THAT TOOTH LOSS IN ELDERLY
SHARES COMMON IMMUNOLOGIC PATTERN WITH SEVERAL DISEASES

Tooth loss in older Americans now appears related to the same series of immunologic events that characterize chronic inflammations, rheumatoid arthritis, sarcoidosis, and certain cancers affecting the lymph system according to a paper presented at a meeting of the New York Academy of Sciences last week by Dr. Stephan E. Mergenhagen of the National Institute of Dental Research. The paper summarized research conducted at NIH, the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry and the Walter Reed Army Institute of Dental Research. (Mrs. Tula Brocard, 14-64261)


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TO : Assistant Secretary for Health
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DATE: December 6, 1974

FROM : Director, NIH

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

MILITARY SURGEONS PRESENT AWARDS TO THREE NIH SCIENTISTS

Awards for outstanding work in medicine were presented to three NIH researchers by the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States during its 81st annual convention in San Diego, California. Dr. Alfred D. Steinberg, a senior investigator in the National Institute of Arthritis, Metabolism and Digestive Diseases, was presented the Philip Hench Award for outstanding contributions in the field of rheumatology and arthritis. Dr. Albert Z. Kapikian of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases received the Stitt Award for work described as "revealing the causes of several diseases of major public importance." The Gorgas Medal was given to Dr. Martin D. Young who retired in 1964 from NIAID. Presently Director of the Gorgas Memorial Institute, he was cited "for notable contributions to military preventive medicine in malaria." (Mr. Irving Goldberg, 14-65787)

NIH ISSUES ANTHOLOGY ON MEDICINE IN CHINA

The Fogarty International Center has published an anthology on Chinese medicine entitled "China Medicine as We Saw It." The book, edited by Dr. Joseph R. Quinn, Chief of FIC's International Cooperation and Geographic Studies Branch, contains articles written by a number of scientists who have recently visited China. Chapter headings include: "Chinese Innovations in Health;" "Public Health, Its Organizations and Status;" "Public Health Practices," and "Biomedical Research." (Mr. George Presson, 14-64625)

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TO : Assistant Secretary for Health
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DATE: December 13, 1974

FROM : Director, NIH

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

NIH TO HOLD FIFTH NEW DRUG SEMINAR

The Division of Cancer Treatment (DCT), National Cancer Institute (NCI), will hold its Fifth New Drug Seminar on December 16-17, 1974, at the Washington Hilton Hotel. The subject of the seminar will be Adriamycin (Doxorubicin) a new antitumor antibiotic developed originally in Italy and recently approved by the FDA. The drug has been found useful in advanced breast cancer, soft tissue and bone sarcomas, lung cancer, pediatric solid tumors, bladder cancer and malignant lymphomas. Moderator will be Dr. Vincent T. DeVita, Jr., Director, DCT, NCI. Approximately 400 oncologists and hematologists, internists and other physicians interested in the treatment of cancer are expected to attend. ADRIA Laboratories of Wilmington, Delaware will produce the drug commercially in the United States. Proceedings of the seminar will be published in NCI's monthly Cancer Chemotherapy Reports. (Mrs. Catherine Thomas, 14-64291).


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TO : Assistant Secretary for Health
Through: ES/H _____

DATE: December 20, 1974

FROM : Acting Director, NIH

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

NIH CANCERLINE COMPUTER PERMITS NATIONWIDE ACCESS TO INFORMATION

Easy access to cancer treatment research information is now provided to scientists through a computerized service developed jointly by the National Cancer Institute (NCI) and the National Library of Medicine (NLM). Called CANCERLINE, the computer system contains approximately 16,000 abstracts from the NCI publication "Cancer Chemotherapy Abstracts" which offers a summary of research reports published between 1967 and 1972 on the treatment of human and animal cancers. By early 1975, the system will contain about 5,000 additional therapy abstracts for 1973 and 1974, approximately 18,000 "Carcinogenesis Abstracts" and 6,000 descriptions of ongoing cancer research projects. Scientists anywhere in the United States can use CANCERLINE directly through several types of typewriter terminals connected to a central computer facility located at the NLM. CANCERLINE is a project of NCI's International Cancer Research Data Bank Program which promotes world-wide exchange of cancer research information. (Mr. Samuel Tancredi, 14-66474)

DRUG ALLERGY PAMPHLET PUBLISHED AT NIH

The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases has published a pamphlet, "Drug Allergy," for the general public which is available at NIH or from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office. The pamphlet defines drug allergy as an adverse drug reaction; describes symptoms, as well as prevention. (Mr. Robert Schreiber, 14-65717)

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
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FROM : Acting Director, NIH

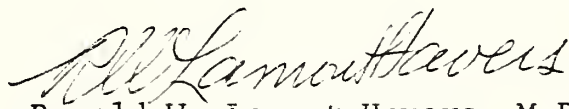
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NIH-SUPPORTED MEETINGS ON POTENTIAL BIOHAZARDS IN RESEARCH
TO BE HELD.

Earlier this year an Assembly of Life Sciences Committee of the National Academy of Sciences, National Research Council, requested the NIH to support an international meeting of scientists concerned with the potential biohazards which could result from experiments with recombinant DNA molecules, and to establish and support an advisory committee to construct a program to evaluate the hazards and suggest means of protection.

As a result, an international meeting will be held February 24-27 at the Asilomar Conference Center in California. In addition, the recently appointed NIH Recombinant DNA Molecular Program Advisory Committee, composed of a dozen scientists from throughout the United States, will hold its first meeting on January 9 at NIH. Dr. Stephen Schiaffino is the Acting Executive Secretary for this Committee.

The California meeting is being funded by the National Cancer Institute and the National Science Foundation. (Dr. Leon Jacobs, 14-63111)


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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
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TO : Assistant Secretary for Health
Through: ES/H _____

DATE: January 3, 1975

FROM : Acting Director, NIH

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

NIH TO HOLD MEETING WITH NEUROLOGICAL VOLUNTARY HEALTH AGENCIES AND PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

The National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Stroke (NINDS) will sponsor a meeting with voluntary health agencies and professional societies in the neurological field in the Clinical Center auditorium at NIH on January 16-17. The purpose of the meeting is to further communication and cooperation among the voluntary and professional organizations with NINDS. Briefings will cover the objectives and programs of the non-Federal organizations and NINDS. The 36 voluntary agencies invited cover birth defects, multiple sclerosis, learning disabilities, neuromuscular disorders and others. Among the 24 professional societies are the American Academy of Neurology, American Academy for Cerebral Palsy, American Academy for Neurological Surgery, and the American Association of Neurological Surgeons. (Mr. Robert Hinkel, 14-65751)

NIH TO HOLD CONFERENCE ON ARTIFICIAL KIDNEY PROGRAM

The National Institute of Arthritis, Metabolism, and Digestive Diseases (NIAMDD) will hold the Eighth Annual Contractors Conference of the Artificial Kidney Program on January 13-15 at the Bethesda Holiday Inn. The purpose of the Conference is to bring together, as a group, the senior representatives from each of the active contractors in the Artificial Kidney--Chronic Uremia Program, so that they may have an opportunity to discuss their individual progress, problems, and their solutions. Approximately 120 representatives are expected to attend. The third and last day will be open to interested professionals and the press. Dr. Benjamin T. Burton, Chief of the Program, will chair the conference. (Dr. Fernando Villarroel, 14-63547)

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Assistant Secretary for Health
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DATE: January 10, 1975

Acting Director, NIH

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LISTER HILL CENTER INVITES HEALTH AGENCIES TO PLAN FOR USE OF SATELLITE

The National Library of Medicine's Lister Hill Center will host an orientation session at the Library February 5, to acquaint the Health Agencies with the possible uses of a new satellite for health communications and to invite their participation in planning.

A Joint American-Canadian satellite will be launched next December in a synchronous orbit which will provide nationwide coverage. The high powered satellite will require relatively small ground terminals, and thus a high degree of flexible utility for two-way audiovisual programs between two points as well as wide coverage for televised broadcasts.

The Lister Hill National Center for Biomedical Communications has reserved three hours per day three days per week on the satellite for health programs.

Agency heads and others from all DHEW health agencies have been invited to the February meeting which will be the first of a series of collaborative planning sessions. (Dr. Martin M. Cummings, 14-66221)

TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM ON FUNDAMENTAL CANCER RESEARCH SCHEDULED

The National Cancer Institute will sponsor the 28th Annual Symposium on Fundamental Cancer Research: Cellular Membranes and Tumor Cell Behavior, February 25-28, 1975, at Houston, Texas.



Purpose of the symposium to explore the experimental evidence which supports the involvement of membrane alterations in the formation of tumors and to evaluate the significance of these observations to the induction, progression and spread of cancer. The approximately one thousand scientists are expected to attend. Chairman will be Dr. R. Lee Clark, President, University of Texas, System Cancer Center, M.D. Anderson Hospital and Tumor Institute. (Dr. George Willis, 14-67805)


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FROM : Acting Director, NIH

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

NIH TO HOLD CONFERENCE ON CANCER CONTROL AND THE BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

The National Cancer Institute (NCI) will hold a three day conference on Cancer Control and the Behavioral Sciences January 20-22 in San Antonio, Texas. Purpose of the conference is to 1) determine the state of the art of behavioral principles as they relate to chronic disease and cancer in particular, 2) strengthen interest among behavioral scientists toward applying their knowledge and skills to chronic disease and cancer in particular, 3) provide the staff of NCI's Division of Cancer Control and Rehabilitation with information and perspective so that a more comprehensive approach to the management of cancer will be possible. Representatives from medical schools and hospitals as well as from the American Health Association, American Cancer Society and the American Psychological Association will attend. (Dr. Joseph W. Cullen, 427-8053)

NIH BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERS WIN HONORS

Dr. Lester Goodman, Chief of the Biomedical Engineering and Instrumentation Branch (BEIB) of NIH's Division of Research Services was named president of the International Federation for Medical and Biological Engineering. The selection took place during the Federation's meeting of officers in Utrecht, The Netherlands last November. The IFMBE is an organization with 12,000 members in 18 countries. Dr. Robert L. Dedrick, Chief of BEIB's Chemical Engineering Section received the 1974 Food, Pharmaceutical and Bioengineering Division Award of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers. The award for "outstanding contributions and professional leadership in biomedical engineering" included a plaque, certificate and a check for one thousand



dollars. Presentation was made at the Institute's 67th Annual Awards Dinner held early last month at the Washington Hilton Hotel. (Mr. J. Gordon DuBay, 14-66235)

Robert Stellan

for Ronald W. Lamont-Havers, M.D.

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FROM : Acting Director, NIH

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

NIH TO HOST EVALUATION WORKSHOP ON CHIROPRACTIC FUNDAMENTALS

A workshop on "The Research Status of Spinal Manipulative Therapy" will be held at NIH February 2-4, 1975, under the sponsorship of the National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Stroke. Major topics will include the evolution and development of manipulative therapy concept and anatomical, biomechanical and neuroscience studies. Other topics will be subluxation (incomplete or partial dislocation), pathophysiology (study of functions modified by disease), diagnosis and treatment of pain, and visceral disorders. Approximately 50 participants are expected. The workshop is being held in response to a request from Congress for an unbiased evaluation of the fundamentals of the chiropractic profession. Proceedings will be published. (Mr. Robert Hinkel, 14-65751)

AREA LISTENERS RESPOND TO WTOP-TV STORY ON NIH CLINICAL CENTER'S PLATELETPHERESIS CENTER

Over 300 Washington area listeners responded by noon the following day to a WTOP-TV evening news story about the NIH Clinical Center's plateletpheresis program and the need for platelet donors. The news feature was carried on Channel 9 at 6:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 21. The listeners indicated their willingness to be tested for matching and to donate if matched with a patient needing platelets. The news story was repeated Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. and 100 additional calls had been received by noon Thursday. Patients with blood disorders such as leukemia and aplastic anemia cannot produce platelets, one of the blood components needed to prevent lethal bleeding episodes. To survive critical periods of their illness, these patients must receive matched platelets from healthy donors.

The odds of matching any two people are approximately 5,000 to 1. Thus many donors must be tested to find one who is eligible to give. (Ms. Elsie Fahrenthold, 14-62563)

NEW NLM EXHIBIT RECALLS "THE HOPKINS FOUR"

A newly opened exhibit at the National Library of Medicine pays tribute to four famous American physicians and is called "The Hopkins Four." The exhibit covers the careers and major contributions of Drs. William Osler, William S. Halsted, William H. Welch and Howard A. Kelly, whose combined talents and efforts were responsible in great part for the worldwide reputation gained by the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine and Hospital. The new NLM exhibit will be on display until May 30. (Mr. Robert Mehnert, 14-66308)

NIH SCIENTIST TO RECEIVE AMERICAN
CHEMICAL SOCIETY HILLEBRAND AWARD

Dr. Elizabeth F. Neufeld, an intramural scientist in the National Institute of Arthritis, Metabolism, and Digestive Diseases has been named to receive the 1974 Hillebrand Award. The award is presented annually by the Washington, D.C. Chapter of the American Chemical Society to one of its members for outstanding work, and honors Dr. W. F. Hillebrand, a past president of the Washington Chapter. Dr. Neufeld is considered a leading authority on human genetic diseases. (Mr. Victor Wartofsky, 14-63583)

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FROM : Acting Director, NIH

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

NIH TO SPONSOR MARINE BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH MEETING

The National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences will hold a meeting on Marine Biomedical Research February 13-15 at the National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution. Directors of Marine Laboratories from many sections of the country and representatives from other Government agencies will attend. Topics for discussion include: "Marine Species as Models for Human Disease"; "Environmental Carcinogenesis and Mutagenesis"; "Human Health and the Marine Environment"; "Drugs From the Seas". (Dr. David P. Rall, 919-549-3201)

WORKSHOP ON BEHAVIORAL TOXICOLOGY

The Toxicology Study Section of the Division of Research Grants sponsored a one-day Workshop on Behavioral Toxicology at NIH on January 16, 1975. Two main themes were discussed by the participants: the current status of methods in behavioral toxicology, and the problem of appropriate selection of animal tests for evaluation of hazards to humans. (Mrs. Jane Knapp, 14-67954)

NIH SCIENTIST PRESENTED DAMESHEK AWARD

Dr. Robert C. Gallo was presented the Dameshek Award last month at the annual meeting of the American Society of Hematology in Atlanta, Georgia. Dr. Gallo is chief of the National Cancer Institute's Laboratory of Tumor Cell Biology. He was honored for his research on leukemia in man, specifically for the first identification of a tumor virus protein in human leukemia. The award, created in memory of Dr. William Dameshek, internationally known hematologist, is presented for the best research in the previous year or years in a hematology-related disease. (Mr. Paul Van Nevel, 14-66631)

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: Acting Assistant Secretary for Health
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JOINT NIH-FDA WORKSHOPS ON ALBUMIN AND PROTEIN FRACTIONS

The National Institutes of Health and the Food and Drug Administration will jointly sponsor a workshop February 12-14 on the scientific base for the clinical use of albumin and purified protein fractions obtained from plasma. The workshops, to be held by the National Heart and Lung Institute's Division of Blood Diseases and Resources and FDA's Division of Blood and Blood Products will draft preliminary guidelines for further research as defined by participants.

A second workshop on Frozen Blood Outdating will be sponsored by NHLI on March 14. Special devices to permit thawed, washed red cells not used within 24 hours to be stored for future use, like whole blood will be described as well as the results of bacteriologic and metabolic studies on frozen/thawed red cells.

Both meetings will be held in Bethesda, and will be open to the public. (Dr. Anthony A. Rene, Dr. Peter B. Sherer, 14-61537)

TWO WELL KNOWN SCIENTISTS BECOME FOGARTY SCHOLARS

The newest Fogarty Scholars-in-Residence at NIH are Dr. Paul Zamecnik of Harvard Medical School and Dr. Charles P. Leblond of McGill University.

Dr. Zamecnik is recognized worldwide for his research in the field of protein synthesis. He is Director of the Collis P. Huntington Laboratories and Professor of Oncologic Medicine at Harvard and Massachusetts General Hospital.

Dr. Leblond is Professor and Chairman of McGill's Department of Anatomy, Faculty of Medicine. His research interests include the dynamics of body components as shown by radioautography as well as study on the role of the Golgi apparatus in the synthesis of secretory and other carbohydrate containing material.

Drs. Zamecnik and Leblond and their wives will reside in Stone House until mid-year. (George Presson, 14-64625)



WHO DESIGNATES NIH SMALL ANIMAL COLONY AS INTERNATIONAL CENTER

The World Health Organization has selected the laboratory rodent colonies operated by the NIH Division of Research Services (DRS) as one of two international collaborating centers. The other such center is affiliated with the Medical Research Council of Great Britain. The NIH facility a part of the DRS Veterinary Resources Branch is one of the largest repositories of small laboratory animals in the world. More than a hundred strains of mice, rats, guinea pigs, hamsters, and rabbits are included as well as a number of less commonly used species.

(Mr. Levi Carter, 14-66235)

David Stetten

for

Ronald W. Lamont-Havers, M.D.



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FROM : Acting Director, NIH

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

CONFERENCE ON RECOMBINANT DNA MOLECULES TO BE HELD

A conference on Recombinant DNA Molecules will be held in the Asilomar Conference Center, Pacific Grove, Calif., February 24-27, with 150 scientists participating to review the research opportunities, potential dangers and possible remedies of introducing such molecules into living cells. The conference is sponsored by the National Academy of Sciences, with support from the National Institutes of Health and the National Science Foundation. It is in part a response to an appeal by a group of scientists, made last July to the scientific community asking that a halt be called to further research in use of the hybrid molecules until potential hazards could be evaluated. The group, headed by Dr. Paul Berg, Stanford University biochemist, originally asked the Director of NIH to establish an advisory committee. Dr. Robert S. Stone, the director, in turn asked the National Academy of Sciences to establish the committee. Dr. Berg is chairman of the NAS committee and of the conference. The possible risk in use of the hybrids rises from a new technique for transplanting certain animal genes into single cell bacteria, such as those inhabiting the human intestinal tract. DNA molecules derived from animal viruses, in the words of the original group, might create "novel types of infectious DNA elements whose biological properties cannot be completely predicted in advance." (Dr. DeWitt Stetten, Jr., 14-63111, Dr. Leon Jacobs, 14-63111, Dr. S. Stephen Schiaffino, 14-67071)

PRESIDENT'S BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH PANEL TO HOLD FIRST MEETING

The President's Biomedical Research Panel will hold its first meeting February 24-25 in the new Executive Office Building, Room 2010. The Panel, which was established by Congress under



Title II of the National Cancer Act Amendments of 1974, will review biomedical and behavioral research programs conducted and supported by HEW with particular emphasis on the role of NIH and the Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Mental Health Administration. Findings and recommendations will be reported to the President and to the Congress after a 15-month review. Panel meetings will be open to the public. Chairman of the Panel is Dr. Franklin Murphy, Chairman of the Board, Times-Mirror Corp., Los Angeles. Other members are: Dr. Robert Ebert, Harvard University Medical School; Dr. Ewald Busse, Duke University Medical Center; Dr. Albert Lehninger, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine; Dr. Paul Marks, Columbia University, College of Physicians and Surgeons; Mr. Benno Schmidt, Chairman, President's Cancer Panel and Dr. David Skinner, University of Chicago Hospitals and Clinics. (Mr. Storm Whaley, 14-64461)

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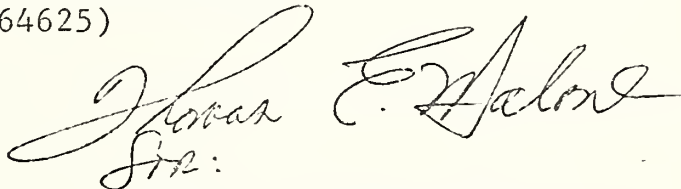
Part I of the five-part series, Public Health Service Grants and Awards, Fiscal Year 1974 Funds and Fiscal Year 1973 Released Funds, is now available. Part I covers tabulations of 17,327 research grants and awards, made by the six PHS agencies, from fiscal year 1973/74 released funds and from from fiscal year 1974 funds. The remaining volumes, soon to be released, will index all current PHS support for medical research training, health manpower education, construction of research facilities, research resources, and research contracts. Copies are available from the Grants Inquiries Office, Division of Research Grants, Room 448, Westwood Building, Bethesda, Maryland 20016. (Ms. Jane Knapp, 14-67954)

TWO INTERNATIONALLY KNOWN SCANDINAVIAN SCIENTISTS
ARE IN RESIDENCE AT NIH AS FOGARTY SCHOLARS

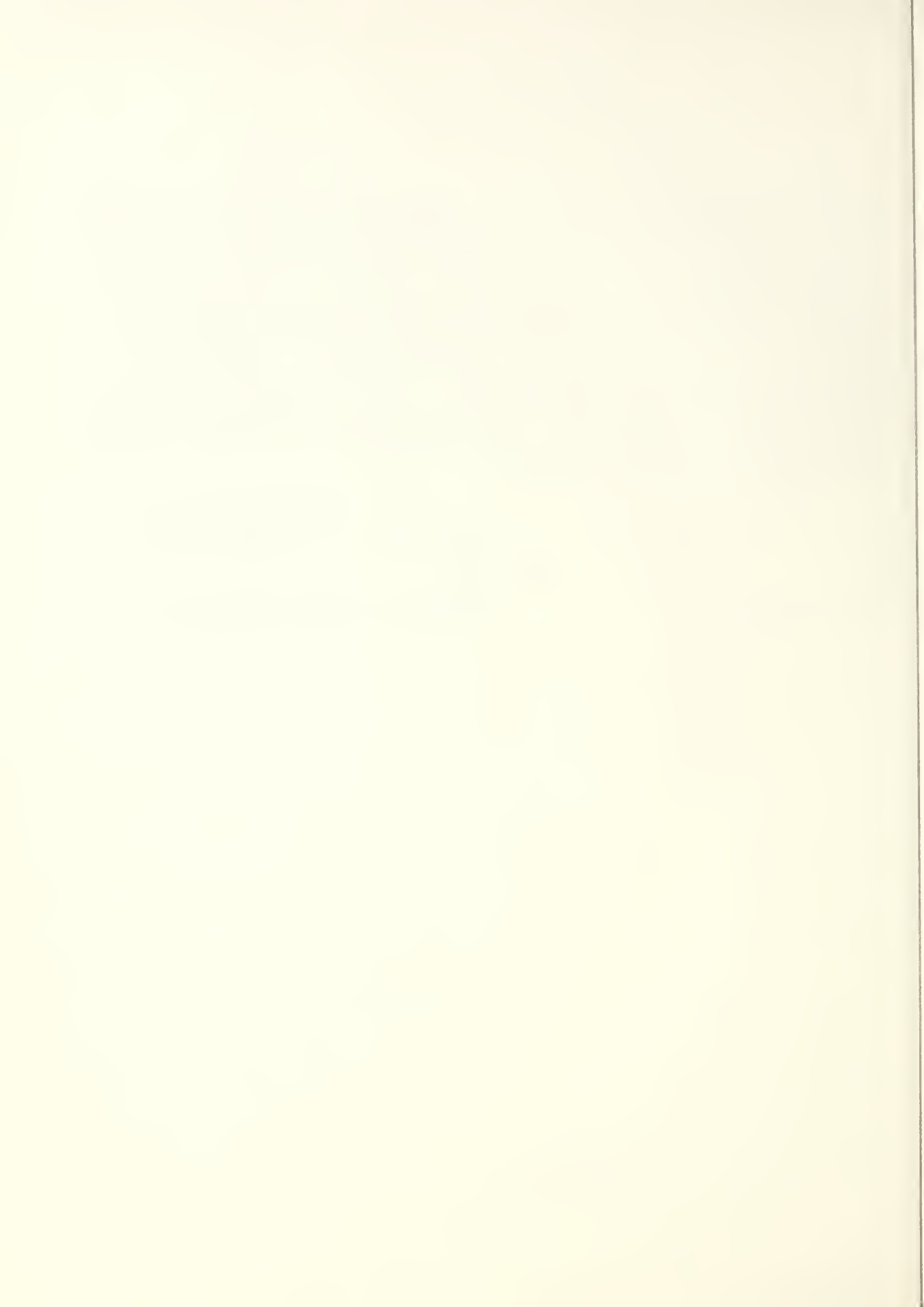
Professors Olavi Eranko and Ragnar Granit have returned to the NIH campus as Fogarty Scholars-in-Residence. Professor Eranko, who completed six months as a Fogarty Scholar last March, is chairman of the department of anatomy, University of Helsinki faculty of medicine in Finland. While at NIH, he will continue



writing in his field of neurobiology and concentrate on plans for an international meeting on neurobiology to be conducted by the Fogarty International Center during the fall of 1976. Professor Granit, who won the Nobel Prize for Physiology and Medicine in 1967, was a Fogarty Scholar for six months in 1971-72. He was director of the Nobel Institute for Neurophysiology for 22 years until his retirement. Professor Granit is currently Professor Emeritus of Neurophysiology, Karolinska Institute in Stockholm. He will collaborate with NIH intramural scientists on the relationship between reflex and voluntary factors in motor control.
(Mr. George Presson, 14-64625)

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Ronald W. Lamont-Havers, M.D.



MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE Report No. 182
NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

TO : Acting Assistant Secretary for Health
Through: ES/H _____

DATE: February 21, 1975

FROM : Acting Director, NIH

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

NIH PUBLISHES POLICY ON COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATIONS FOR AIR TRANSPORT OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

NIH has issued a policy guide for intramural scientists, grantees and contractors advising of the latest Federal regulations for the shipment of hazardous materials by air.

The Airline Pilots Association (ALPA) had announced that its members would refuse to transport hazardous materials aboard passenger-carrying aircraft after February 1. However, the ALPA has agreed not to impose the embargo provided that shippers comply with safe packaging requirements.

The February 10 issue of NIH Guide for Grants and Contracts pointed out that responsibility for compliance with requirements "rests with both investigators and their institutions" and "the NIH will investigate any allegation of violation related to any NIH-supported activities whether extramural or intramural."

Air express is used extensively to transport pathogenic and other hazardous materials. In addition, such shipments are often packed in containers cooled by liquified gas, which if not properly contained and vented can also be dangerous. (Dr. Melvin Fish, 14-65126)

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS TO VISIT NIH

A group of about 15 New York-based foreign correspondents will spend a day at NIH on Monday, March 3. The NIH visit is part of a tour of major U.S. biomedical research facilities which is being organized by the U.S. Information Agency. The correspondents, representing such newspapers as the London Times, the Manchester Guardian, and Le Monde, will be briefed on the cancer, heart and lung, and child health programs at NIH. (Mr. Irving Goldberg, 14-65787)



NIH'S DR. ROBERT I. LEVY TO RECEIVE ARTHUR S. FLEMMING AWARD

Dr. Robert I. Levy, Director, Division of Heart and Vascular Diseases, National Heart and Lung Institute has been named as one of ten outstanding young men and women in the Federal Government to receive the Arthur S. Flemming Award. Presentation will be made by Dr. Flemming at an honor luncheon and awards ceremony to be held Thursday, February 27th at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington. (Margaret O'Brien, 14-64973)

RW Lamont-Havers
Ronald W. Lamont-Havers, M.D.



MEMORANDUM

TO : Acting Assistant Secretary for Health
Through: ES/H _____

DATE: February 28, 1975

FROM : Acting Director, NIH

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

SUPREME COURT DECISION ON COPYRIGHT DISPUTE INVOLVING NIH LIBRARY PHOTOCOPYING

Last Tuesday, (Feb. 25) the U. S. Supreme Court affirmed a lower court decision which held that the National Library of Medicine and NIH Library had not infringed on copyrights held by Williams and Wilkins Company, medical journal publishers in duplicating and distributing articles from their publications.

Williams and Wilkins filed its copyright infringement suit against NIH and NLM. It attempted to establish a licensing system under which the libraries would pay "reasonable compensation" for duplicating and distributing copies of articles printed in its journals. In November 1972, a Federal Court of Claims Commissioner issued an initial report sustaining the copyright infringement claim. In November 1973, the Court of Claims rejected the report by a four-to-three vote, upholding the Government's claim that the library copying constituted "fair use" of the Williams and Wilkins publications. In issuing its decision, the Court of Claims acknowledged that its action was a "ground breaking" ruling. The high court's ruling came on a four-to-four vote, issued without a written opinion. (Mr. Storm Whaley, 14-64461)

STUDY ON VAGINAL CANCER ANNOUNCED AT NIH

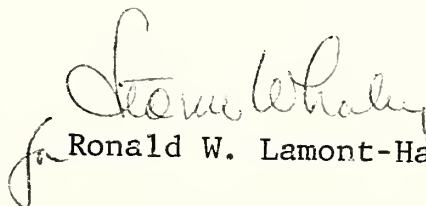
The National Cancer Institute has awarded contracts totaling \$1.5 million for a study of vaginal cancer and noncancerous genital tract irregularities in offspring of mothers who received synthetic estrogens during pregnancy. The exact number of affected offspring is not known; however, during the 1940's and 1950's, synthetic estrogens, particularly

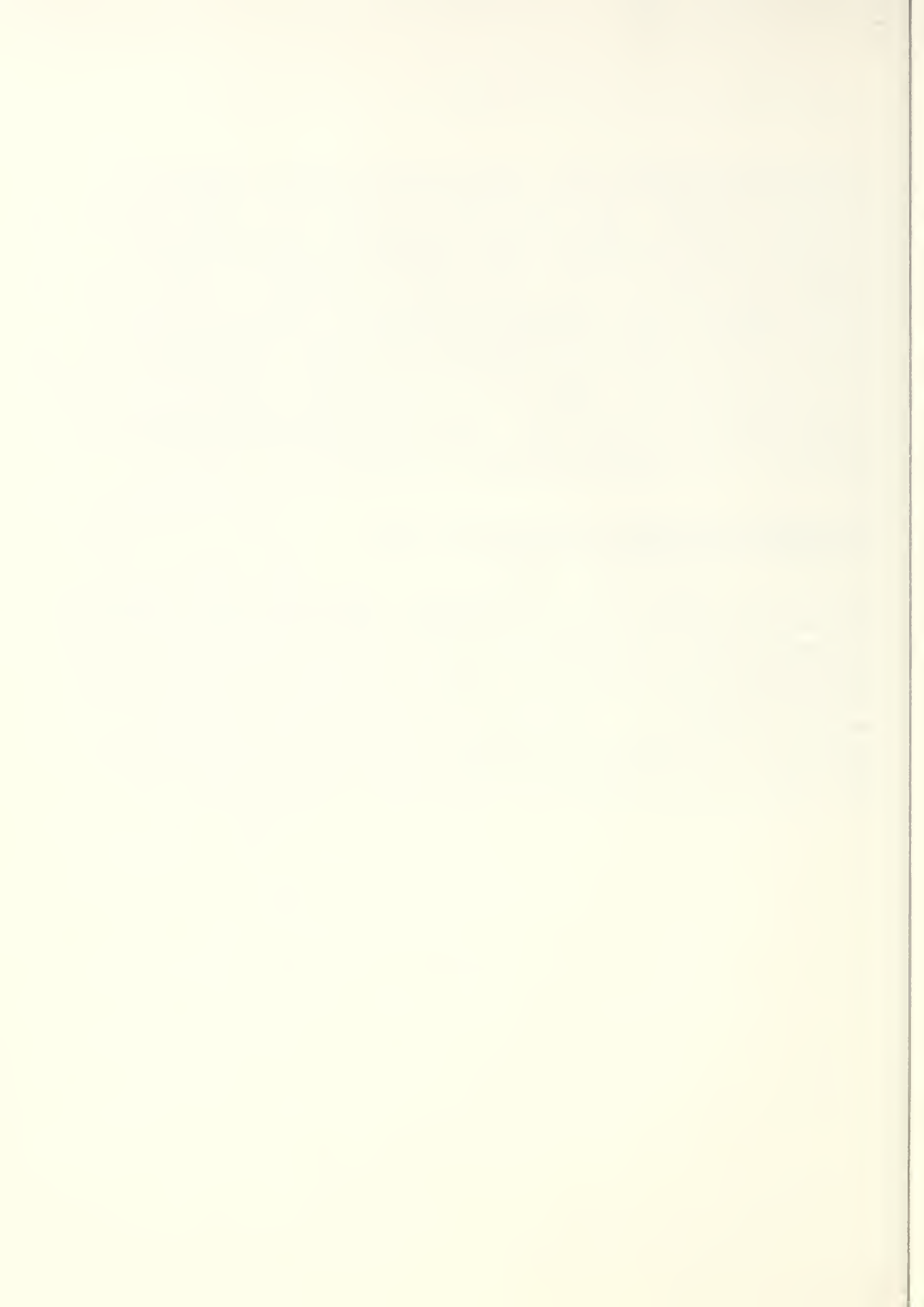


diethylstilbestrol (DES), were widely used for pregnant women threatened with miscarriage or abortion. Beginning in 1970, studies indicated that daughters of mothers who received such estrogens during pregnancy are at a higher risk of developing "clear cell adenocarcinoma" of the vaginal and cervix than are daughters who were not exposed. It is expected that information obtained from the study would form the basis for advising the risk of developing some abnormality in the affected offspring. The Mayo Clinic is coordinating the efforts of the following institutions participating in the study: Massachusetts General Hospital, University of Southern California and Baylor College of Medicine. (Mr. Paul Van Nevel, 14-66631)

NIH ANNOUNCES GRANT TO ESTABLISH FIFTH
DIABETES-ENDOCRINOLOGY CENTER

The National Institute of Arthritis, Metabolism and Digestive Diseases (NIAMDD) has announced the award of a \$533,293 grant to establish a fifth Diabetes-Endocrinology Center at Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri, to expand ongoing fundamental and clinical research efforts on this metabolic disorder. Other Centers are located at the University of Virginia, Vanderbilt University, University of Chicago, and the University of Washington in Seattle. (Mr. Victor Wartofsky, 14-63583)


for Ronald W. Lamont-Havers, M.D.



MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE Report No. 184
NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

TO : Acting Assistant Secretary for Health
Through: ES/H_____

DATE: March 7, 1975

FROM : Acting Director, NIH

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

HEAD OF BRITISH MEDICAL RESEARCH COUNCIL VISITS NIH

Sir John Gray, head of the British Medical Research Council, visited Bethesda Thursday and Friday (March 6-7) for discussions with principal officers of NIH and ADAMHA regarding common and mutual interests.

The informal conversations covered international interfaces of health research and care, policy decisions concerning international research including tropical medicine, and the role of WHO. NIH programs in trauma, clinical pharmacology and environmental hazards were presented. Other topics included were Fogarty International Fellowships and the Commission on the Protection of Human Subjects in Biomedical and Behavioral Research. (Mr. Storm Whaley, 14-64461)

PRIMATE RESEARCH LAB HAZARDS MEETING TO BE HELD BY NIH

A symposium on biohazards and other laboratory problems associated with non-human primate research will be held Wednesday, March 19 at the Frederick Cancer Research Center at Fort Detrick, Maryland. The meeting entitled "Biohazards and Zoonotic Problems of Primate Procurement Quarantine, and Research" will be sponsored by the National Cancer Institute (NCI). Chairman is Dr. M. L. Simmons, Director of NCI's Laboratory of Animal Science. (Mr. Paul Van Nevel, 14-66631)

CLINICAL, RESEARCH AND STAFF ASSOCIATESHIPS OPEN AT NIH

April 18 has been set as the deadline for receipt of applications for the NIH Clinical Center clinical, research and staff associateships. The associateships are two year positions



offering opportunities for training and experience in clinical and laboratory investigation. Physicians and dentists from most health specialities and biomedical sciences are eligible to apply during the third or fourth year of medical school or while in internship or residency training. The majority of appointments will begin in July, 1977, with a few set for 1976. (Ms. Elsie Fahrenthold, 14-62563)

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for Ronald W. Lamont-Havers, M.D.



MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE Report No. 185
NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

TO : Acting Assistant Secretary for Health
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DATE: March 13, 1975

FROM : Acting Director, NIH

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

SECRETARY OF LABOR TELLS LABOR DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES OF NIH PLATELET DONOR PROGRAM

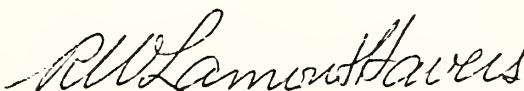
In a February 25 memorandum to all area employees, Labor Secretary Peter J. Brennan described the need of NIH's leukemia patients for matched blood platelets. He urged Department employees to make appointments at NIH for the platelet test. The Department is granting annual leave to employees who donate platelets and is providing them with shuttle bus transportation to NIH.

The appeal resulted from the interest of a volunteer member of the NIH platelet donor recruitment team who is the wife of a Labor Department official. (Ms. Elsie Fahrenthold, 14-62563)

NIH ALUMNI REUNION AND OPEN HOUSE

More than 5,000 former NIH staff members have received invitations to the NIH Alumni Reunion, to be held April 19-20 at Bethesda. The event, sponsored by an ad hoc committee of former NIH scientists, is the first in a series of bicentennial observances to be held at NIH during the next two years. Plans include a major convocation Saturday morning (April 19) to be addressed by Nobel Laureate Arthur Kornberg, individual Institute reunions, a reception and banquet Saturday evening, and a farewell brunch Sunday morning.

An Open House for the general public is scheduled for the following weekend, April 26-27. It will include exhibits, lectures, film showings, and guided tours through selected laboratories. Thousands of visitors from the Washington metropolitan area are expected to attend the Open House.
(Mr. Storm Whaley, 14-64461)


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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
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TO : Acting Assistant Secretary for Health
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DATE: March 21, 1975

FROM : Acting Director, NIH

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH PANEL TO MEET MARCH 31 - APRIL 1

The President's Panel on Biomedical Research will hold its second meeting at NIH on March 31 and April 1. A substantial portion of the meeting will be devoted to discussion of the organization, programs and funding of NIH. The Director and his immediate staff, as well as all of the Bureau and Institute Directors, will be in attendance at the meeting.
(Dr. Seymour Perry, 14-62500)

WORKSHOP IN ACUPUNCTURE RESEARCH

The current status of NIH-supported acupuncture research was assessed at a workshop organized by the National Institute of General Medical Sciences at Bethesda on March 14. Preliminary findings from 10 studies in this field revealed that while acupuncture does induce mild analgesic effect, it did not appear to lessen the pain threshold achieved with conventional drugs or with hypnosis alone. The major conclusion was that any forward step in the modification or control of chronic pain by acupuncture or other counter-stimulation techniques must await much greater understanding of the fundamental aspects of the perception and transmission of pain itself.
(Dr. Howard Jenerick, 14-65163)

REDESIGNATION OF NINDS

The National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Stroke has been officially redesignated as the National Institute of Neurological and Communicative Disorders and Stroke effective March 14. The name change reflects its broadened mission in the field of communicative problems. (Ruth Dudley, 14-65751)

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MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
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NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

TO : Acting Assistant Secretary for Health
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FROM : Acting Director, NIH

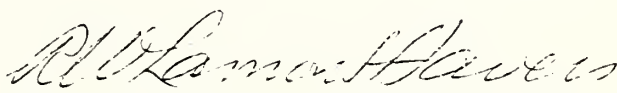
SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

NIDR NATIONAL CARIES PROGRAM SUPPORTS TWO SPRING SYMPOSIA

Two back-to-back symposia, both planned, organized, and supported by the NIDR National Caries Program, are scheduled to be held at the New York Hilton at Rockefeller Center, prior to the annual meeting of the American Association for Dental Research. The first workshop, "Symposium on the Immunological Aspects of Dental Caries," will be held April 1-2, followed by the workshop on "Fluorescent Antibody and Immunochemical Methodologies Used in Identification of Cariogenic Bacteria" on April 3-4. Reports on the workshops will be made to the Dental Caries Program Advisory Committee in June 1975, with proceedings to be published in the Journal of Dental Research later in the year. (Mrs. Tula Brocard, 14-64261)

SUNDAY SUPPLEMENT ON CANCER

A 16-page special supplement on cancer will appear in the Washington Post of Sunday, April 6. Sponsored by the American Cancer Society to kick off Cancer Control Month, the supplement is designed to inform the public about cancer, the action they need to take to prevent and control cancer, and the sources of additional information and help in the community. The supplement will contain articles by Dr. Frank Rauscher, Director of the National Cancer Institute, and by Dr. Diane Fink, Director of NCI's Division of Cancer Control and Rehabilitation. One million copies of the supplement will be printed for additional distribution and use by community agencies in the Washington metropolitan area. (Ms. Norma Golumbic, 14-66631)


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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE Report No. 188
NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

TO : Acting Assistant Secretary for Health
Through: ES/H _____

DATE: April 3, 1975

FROM : Acting Director, NIH

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

NATIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE AWARDS

Soon to be announced in the Federal Register are final regulations governing National Research Service Awards. The regulations include suggestions received by HEW since publication of the proposed regulations in the Federal Register January 17, 1975. The National Research Service Award Act of 1974 authorized the Secretary to make awards directly to individuals or to institutions which can then make them available for biomedical and behavioral research and research training. It also consolidates existing training and fellowship authorities of the NIH and ADAMHA into a single program.
(Dr. Richard Stephenson, 14-61963)

"CANCER RATES AND RISKS"

The incidence, risk factors, treatment, and survival associated with cancer in the United States and throughout the world are surveyed in the new, second edition of the popular paperback, "Cancer Rates and Risks," published by the Biometry Branch of the National Cancer Institute. This volume updates the first edition of 1964 and serves as a useful reference for physicians, medical students, teachers, public health workers and others concerned with the course of malignant disease in individual patients or various population groups.
(Mr. Robert J. Avery, 14-66641)

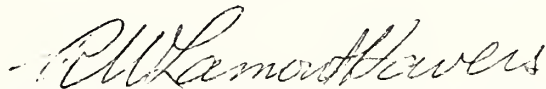
NIH SCIENTIST WINS PATHOLOGY AWARD

Dr. George J. Todaro, Chief of the Viral Leukemia and Lymphoma Branch of the National Cancer Institute, has won the Award presented by the American Society for Experimental Pathology

to the "member under 40 years of age who has made the most outstanding contribution to the conquest of disease" in the past year. Dr. Todaro, 37, was cited for his imaginative investigation into viral and genetic factors in the causation of cancer. The Award, a \$1,000 check and gold medal, is sponsored by Parke, Davis, and Co., and will be presented to Dr. Todaro at the annual meeting of the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology in Atlantic City on April 17. (Public announcement not to be made until presentation.) (Mr. Paul Van Nevel, 14-66631)

NIH EVENING PROGRAM AT FASEB MEETING

An NIH panel will review NIH programs and award mechanisms on the evening of April 14 at the 59th Annual Convention of the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology in Atlantic City. The panel will be headed by Deputy Director for Science, DeWitt Stetten. (Mr. Irving Goldberg, 14-65787)


Ronald W. Lamont-Havers, M.D.

TO : Acting Assistant Secretary for Health
Through: ES/H _____

DATE: April 11, 1975

FROM : Acting Director, NIH

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

RECOMBINANT DNA MOLECULES SEMINAR

NIH scientists and administrators were given a detailed explanation of the recent international conference at Asilomar, California, on recombinant DNA molecules at a seminar on the NIH campus April 10. Dr. DeWitt Stetten, Jr., Deputy Director for Science, explained the role and function of the NIH program advisory committee, and Dr. Maxine Singer, National Cancer Institute, gave the history of the conference and the research moratorium that preceded it, and also discussed means of balancing risks and benefits of research with the recombinant molecules. Other speakers were Dr. Robert Martin, National Institute of Arthritis, Metabolism and Digestive Diseases, Dr. Carl Merril, National Institute of Mental Health, and Dr. Emmett Barkley, National Cancer Institute. (Dr. DeWitt Stetten, 14-61921)

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION TOPIC OF FASEB PANEL

Mary Goggin, Chief of the Administrative Law Branch, Office of the HEW General Counsel, and Richard Riseberg, NIH Legal Advisory, OGC, are scheduled to head a panel speaking on provisions of the Freedom of Information Act as part of the NIH Evening Program Monday, April 14, at the annual meeting of the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology in Atlantic City, New Jersey. Others on the panel will include Dr. Thomas E. Malone, Associate Director for Extramural Research and Training, Dr. Leon Jacobs, Associate Director for Collaborative Research, Storm Whaley, Associate Director for Communications, and Drs. Charles R. McCarthy and Robert P. Akers. Dr. Seymour Perry, NIH liaison officer

with the President's Panel on Biomedical Research, and Dr. DeWitt Stetten, Jr., Deputy Director for Science, will speak during other portions of the program.
(Dr. Robert P. Akers, 14-61413)

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
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NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

TO : Acting Assistant Secretary for Health
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DATE: April 18, 1975

FROM : Acting Director, NIH

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

THIRD ANNUAL XAVIER UNIVERSITY BIOMEDICAL SYMPOSIUM

Over 800 minority undergraduate and faculty researchers from 70 institutions are expected to attend the Third Annual Xavier University Biomedical Symposium in New Orleans, April 28-30. Sponsored by the Division of Research Resources through its Minority Biomedical Support Program, the Xavier Symposium has attracted approximately 50 MBS grantee institutions. Subjects range from virus interaction on nerve tissue to the analysis of waste effluents in waters surrounding a major city. Institutions in 17 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands are represented. (Mr. James Augustine, 14-65545)

CONFERENCE ON WOMEN AND MINORITY GROUPS IN BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH

An expanded role for women and members of minority groups in biomedical research is the goal of a conference to be held April 22-24 at the National Institutes of Health. Representatives from the faculties and student bodies of approximately 75 minority and women's colleges, over half of whom do not now receive any funds from NIH, will attend the conference. Conferees will learn about the activities at NIH and about opportunities for biomedical research support available under NIH grant and award programs. (Ms. Lois Meng, 14-61766)

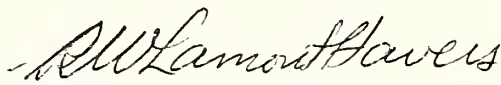
INTERVIEWS ON AGING RESEARCH

Dr. Nathan W. Shock, Chief of the Gerontology Research Center, National Institute on Aging, appeared on two interview shows recently to talk about new developments in the field of aging research. He was interviewed by Fred Fiske of WWDC-AM Radio,

Silver Spring, Maryland for the "Empathy" show on March 31. And he was a guest on the "Spotlight on Education" program of WPTV, Palm Beach, Florida, in a show that was taped on April 14. (Mr. Daniel Rogers, 301, 396-9421)

NEI PUBLISHES VISION RESEARCH PROGRAM PLANNING

The National Eye Institute will distribute copies of Vision Research Program Planning at the annual meeting of the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO) in Sarasota, Florida, April 27-May 1. This two-volume report is expected to have considerable impact on the future course of vision research support in the United States. It is based on a comprehensive analysis of the current status of vision research in America by the National Advisory Eye Council and consultants who represent all major fields of vision research. The report identifies major research needs and opportunities in vision research and includes recommendations for directing resources toward the solution of important visual health problems. Although the report is not a national blueprint for vision research, the Council hopes that modest shifts and redirections in the course of research will occur as the result of voluntary response by individual scientists to the report's recommendations. (Mr. Julian M. Morris, 14-65248)


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MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE Report No. 191
NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

TO : Acting Assistant Secretary for Health
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DATE: April 25, 1975

FROM : Acting Director, NIH

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH PANEL TO MEET IN FLORIDA

The next meeting of the President's Biomedical Research Panel will take place on April 28-29 in Key Biscayne, Florida. The Panel will hear testimony from the Council of Deans of the Association of American Medical Colleges. Invitations have also been extended to Dr. Philip Handler, President, National Academy of Sciences, and to Dr. Robert Marston, President of the University of Florida.
(Dr. Seymour Perry, 14-62500)

DIABETES COMMISSION MEETS AT NIH

The National Commission on Diabetes held its second meeting April 21, 22 and 23 at the National Institutes of Health.

The 17-member Commission which was established by The National Diabetes Mellitus Research and Education Act was assigned the task of determining the scope and impact of diabetes and to make recommendations for programs related to further research and education on the problem.

The Commission heard reports from its committees on etiology and pathology. A hearing of public witnesses was held on the morning of April 23.

The Commission, which includes seven NIH Institute Directors as well as six non-federal scientists and four representative citizens, will meet again April 30 in Philadelphia.
(Mr. Victor Wartofsky, 14-63583)

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for Ronald W. Lamont-Havers, M.D.



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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE Report No. 192
NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

TO : Acting Assistant Secretary for Health
Through: ES/H_____

DATE: May 2, 1975

FROM : Acting Director, NIH

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

NIH SCIENTISTS ELECTED TO NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

Two NIH scientists were elected this week to the prestigious National Academy of Sciences. They are: Dr. Roscoe O. Brady, Jr., Chief of the Developmental and Metabolic Neurology Branch, National Institute of Neurological and Communicative Disorders and Stroke, and Dr. Wallace P. Rowe, Chief of the Laboratory of Viral Diseases, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. (Mr. Storm Whaley, 14-64461)

NIH PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

An estimated 25,000 to 30,000 people visited NIH during the course of the two-day Open House on April 26-27. Eight buildings were open to the public. There were some 25 exhibits, continuous film showings, a speakers forum, and tours of selected laboratories. There was widespread participation by members of the NIH staff in the various Open House activities. (Mr. Storm Whaley, 14-64461)

DIRECTOR'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETS

The NIH Director's Advisory Committee is meeting this week on May 1-2 at Bethesda. Members of the President's Biomedical Research Panel will meet with the Committee and participate in some of the discussions. (Dr. Charles McCarthy, 14-63471)


Ronald W. Lamont-Havers, M.D.



MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE Report No. 196
NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

TO : Acting Assistant Secretary for Health
Through: ES/H _____

DATE: May 9, 1975

FROM : Acting Director, NIH

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

DR. TOWER TO ATTEND MS CONFERENCE IN MOSCOW

Dr. Donald B. Tower, Director, NINCDS, will participate in a conference on multiple sclerosis to be held in Moscow May 20 to 23. The conference was organized through the Department's US-USSR Health Exchange Program, and will deal with epidemiologic, virologic, and other areas of current MS research. Such an exchange was recommended by the National Advisory Commission on Multiple Sclerosis. The Commission's report, issued last year, called for increased US-USSR cooperation in studying the striking regional variations in MS incidence in various parts of the world, as well as other aspects of the problem.
(Mr. Robert Hinkel, 14-65751)

NIEHS TO SPONSOR CONFERENCE ON HEAVY METALS IN THE ENVIRONMENT

The National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) will co-sponsor the third of a series of conferences on "Heavy Metals in the Environment" May 15-16 at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

The May 15-16 meeting will focus on evaluating current knowledge concerning the potential toxicity of trace metals so that environmental health problems resulting from increased energy consumption or the use of alternate sources can be anticipated. The principal topics for discussion will be the emission of metals, and the toxicity of platinum and palladium in relation to their emission by control devices on 1975 model cars.

Participants in the meeting will include representatives of the U.S. Geological Survey, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Southwest Research Institute, General Motors, Karolinska

Institute, Battelle Institute, the Food and Drug Administration, and the Environmental Protection Agency, as well as a number of universities. Co-sponsor of the conference will be the Environmental Metals Group composed of scientists in the Research Triangle area concerned with toxic metals as environmental agents.

Earlier conferences in this series have attracted substantial numbers of science writers and media representatives.

(Ms. Elizabeth Y. James, (919) 549-8411)

MARYLAND ACADEMY OF SCIENCES HONORS NIH SCIENTIST

Dr. Christian Anfinsen, NIH scientist and Nobel Laureate has been named by the Maryland Academy of Sciences as one of two twentieth-century scientists for inclusion in its Bicentennial Exhibit "Explorers of Time and Space: Maryland Scientists 1776-1976".

The exhibit will honor outstanding Maryland scientists, two each from the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries.

(Mr. Guy Moore, 14-62535)

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Ronald W. Lamont-Havers, M.D.

MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE Report No. 194
NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

TO : Assistant Secretary for Health
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SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

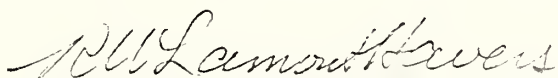
ARTHRITIS COMMISSION MEETS AT NIH

The National Commission on Arthritis and Related Musculoskeletal Diseases held its second meeting May 13 and 14 at the National Institutes of Health.

The 18-member Commission was established by the National Arthritis Act of 1974 to develop a long-range plan with specific recommendations for use and organization of national resources to combat arthritis. Dr. Ephraim P. Engleman, University of California at San Francisco, is Chairman.

The meeting heard expert witnesses on screening and detection, rehabilitation, professional education, etiology and pathology of arthritis, and reports from Federal and non-Federal organizations on existing efforts in research, diagnosis, treatment, prevention and control of arthritis.

The Commission includes six health professionals from outside Government and four members of the public, two of whom are arthritis sufferers. The Commission's plan is to be forwarded to Congress within seven months of its organization meeting on April 17. (Mr. Victor Wartofsky, 14-63583)



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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
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TO : Assistant Secretary for Health
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DATE: May 23, 1975

FROM : Acting Director, NIH

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

U.S.-U.S.S.R. AGREEMENT SIGNED FOR ARTHRITIS RESEARCH

An agreement for increased cooperation in research on arthritis and related diseases, including collaboration on specific projects, joint drug trials, and other joint projects was signed by Dr. Ronald W. Lamont-Havers, Acting Director of NIH, on behalf of the United States, and Professor V.A. Nassonova, on behalf of the Soviet Union, on May 22. Earlier a panel of noted Soviet rheumatologists had participated in week-long conferences with scientists of the National Institute of Arthritis, Metabolism and Digestive Diseases. Professor Nassonova, and Drs. A.I. Speransky and M.M. Ivanova, all of the Institute for Rheumatism in Moscow, made presentations at a two-day symposium May 19 and 20, at which reports also were made by leading U.S. scientists in the field. Later discussions elaborated on collaborative projects proposed during visits by U.S. scientists to the Soviet Union last September. (Mr. Victor Wartofsky, 14-63583)

NEW STUDY SECTIONS ESTABLISHED

With the approval of Secretary Weinberger, the Division of Research Grants will establish four new study sections to provide initial scientific review for applications for NIH research and research training support. The new sections will cover: Experimental Virology, Molecular Cytology, Pathobiological Chemistry, and Immunological Sciences. They will meet for the first time in September to make recommendations on applications to be presented to the National Advisory Councils in November. (Dr. S. Stephen Schiaffino, 14-67461)


Ronald W. Lamont-Havers, M.D.

TO : Assistant Secretary for Health
Through: ES/H _____

DATE: May 30, 1975

FROM : Acting Director, NIH

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

FOGARTY CENTER TO SPONSOR INTERNATIONAL
CONFERENCE ON HEALTH COSTS

NIH's Fogarty International Center will sponsor an International Conference on Health Costs and Expenditures June 2-4.

During the three-day conference, experts from the United Kingdom, Canada, Belgium, France, Sweden, Denmark, the Federal Republic of Germany and the United States will review and compare health costs and expenditures among Western European and North American countries.

Speakers and discussion leaders include Stuart H. Altman, PHS, and Dorothy P. Rice, Social Security Administration. (Dr. Milo D. Leavitt, Jr., 14-61415)

NLM'S MEDLINE TO RECEIVE NATIONAL MENTION

The Medline Network, a service of the National Library of Medicine now available at terminals in 300 U.S. biomedical institutions will be described in a forthcoming "IBM Report". The "Reports" are full page advertisements which appear in Time, Newsweek and other national media citing examples of beneficial uses of computer technology.

The Medline contains detailed references to more than a half-million medical articles published in the last three years. Some 3,000 journals from 70 countries are indexed in it regularly.

International agreements with seven nations and WHO extend the computerized reference service to scientists and physicians to a large part of the world. (Robert Mehnert, 14-66308)

US-USSR BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH PROGRAM
TO BE ON MOSCOW TELEVISION

A team of Soviet television newsmen will visit NIH Friday May 30 to film activities illustrative of US-USSR collaboration in biomedical research. The sequences are scheduled for broadcast in Moscow during the weekend as a part of a report on the joint research activities carried out under the cooperative scientific programs of the two countries. (Storm Whaley, 14-64461)


Ronald W. Lamont-Havers, M.D.



MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE Report No. 197
NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

TO : Assistant Secretary for Health
Through: ES/H _____

DATE: JUN 6 1975

FROM : Acting Director, NIH

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

PRESS BRIEFING ON VISION RESEARCH

The National Eye Institute will hold a press briefing on the latest developments in vision research on Thursday, June 12. The latest in the series of NIH Science Writers Seminars, the briefing will focus on advances against cataract, retinal degenerative diseases, and diabetic retinopathy. There will also be a discussion of the National Advisory Eye Council's recently issued Vision Research Program Planning Report, which represents the first comprehensive analysis of vision research support in the United States and discusses the future course of research over the next five years.

(Mr. Julian Morris, 14-65248)

NIH HONOR AWARDS

A total of 49 people will be honored at the Seventh Annual NIH Honor Awards Ceremony on Monday, June 9. Six PHS Commissioned Officers will receive Meritorious Service Medals; 37 Civil Service employees will receive Superior Service Awards; an NIH staff member who was formerly with the Department of the Navy will receive the Superior Civilian Service Award from that agency for her work during her tenure there; an NIH-EEO Award of the Year will be given to an NIH employee who recently retired from Government service; and two employees will receive 40-year Length of Service Awards. Acting Director Ronald W. Lamont-Havers will present the awards and give the principal address. (Mr. Storm Whaley, 14-64461)

NIH PUBLICATIONS WIN COMMUNICATIONS AWARDS

Research Advances, 1975, a publication of the Office of the Director, NIH, won first place in the Technical Reports category of the annual Publications competition sponsored by the Washington Chapter of the Society for Technical Communication.

The awards were announced at a luncheon June 4 at the National Press Club. Most Federal scientific agencies and many private sector organizations submitted entries.

Four other NIH publications or series of publications were also honored.

It was announced at the luncheon that an NIH publication, "Radiation Safety Guide," which won first place in the Technical Reports category in 1974, had been judged winner of an Award of Merit at the 22nd International Technical Communications Conference sponsored by the Society in May, 1975, in Anaheim, California. The winners of the 1975 Washington competition will be entered automatically in a similar international event next year. (Mr. Harold F. Osborne, 14-65633)

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DeWitt Stetten, Jr., M.D., Ph.D.

TO : Assistant Secretary for Health
Through: ES/H_____

DATE: June 13, 1975

FROM : Acting Director, NIH

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report


CONFERENCE ON PREVENTIVE MEDICINE

Recommendations on how the health status of the American people can be improved through the application of preventive medical strategies were presented and considered at a National Conference on Preventive Medicine at the National Institutes of Health, June 9-11. The opening session of the meeting was addressed by Dr. Theodore Cooper, Assistant Secretary for Health. Approximately 140 leaders in the field of preventive medicine participated in the Conference, which was jointly sponsored by the Fogarty International Center and the American College of Preventive Medicine. The Conference Advisory Committee will consider the recommendations developed by the participants at a meeting in July and include them in a report which will be available early in 1976.
(Dr. Fred R. McCrumb, Jr., 14-64331)

NIH PUBLICATIONS WIN BLUE PENCIL AWARDS

Four NIH publications won Blue Pencil Awards of the Federal Editors Association annual publications competition on June 11.

A popular publication, "What Are the Facts About Genetic Diseases?" published by the National Institute of General Medical Sciences, won second place in its category. Third place honors in other categories went to a booklet, "Hepatitis," and a series of publications on allergies both published by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, and to the NIH Record, employee newspaper published by the Office of the Director, NIH. (Mr. Harold F. Osborne, 14-65633)


Ronald W. Lamont-Havers, M.D.

MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE Report No.199
NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

TO : Assistant Secretary for Health
Through: ES/H_____

DATE: June 20, 1975

FROM : Acting Director, NIH

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

UNSUCCESSFUL RESEARCH GRANT APPLICANT SUES

A complaint has been filed in the U.S. District Court, San Francisco by Dr. Davide Grassetti seeking judicial relief from "arbitrary and invidious discrimination" by the officials of the National Institutes of Health and the National Cancer Institute in their denials of his research grant applications and refusal to test and prepare compounds which he claims will impede the spread of existing cancer.

Dr. Grassetti is Director of Research of the Arequipa Foundation and a clinical faculty member of the University of the Pacific, San Francisco.

The plaintiff requested the court to require immediate testing of the cancer drug, to suspend all action on grants pending the promulgation of new standards for review, and to reconsider the applications previously denied.

The suit is thought to be the first such action brought against NIH by an unsuccessful research grant applicant.
(Mr. Storm Whaley, 14-64461)

NEW REVIEW CYCLE FOR NIH GRANTS

A new schedule has been established for study section and council review of grant applications to conform to the newly defined Federal fiscal year.


The NIH Study Sections and Advisory Councils meet regularly three times per year. Under the new schedule, the Study Sections will meet four to seven weeks later than at present, and the Council schedules will be shifted from six to eight weeks later.

The revised schedule becomes effective January 1, 1976.
(Dr. Thomas E. Malone, 14-61096)

WIFE OF WEST GERMAN PRESIDENT VISITS CLINICAL CENTER

Dr. Mildred Scheel, wife of the President of the Federal Republic of Germany visited the NIH Clinical Center Tuesday, June 17.

Dr. Scheel, a physician, spent two intensive hours visiting the new National Cancer Institute Protection Environment Ward and discussing NCI activities with Dr. Frank J. Rauscher, Director and other cancer program heads. Among the members of the party accompanying Dr. Scheel were the wife of the West German Ambassador, and the wife of the U.S. Ambassador to West Germany. (Mr. Marc Stern, 14-62535)

for 
Ronald W. Lamont-Havers, M.D.



MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE Report No. 20
NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

TO : Assistant Secretary for Health
Through: ES/H _____

DATE: June 27, 1975

FROM : Acting Director, NIH

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

WORKSHOP ON SUDDEN INFANT DEATH SYNDROME

The first research reporting workshop on the Sudden Infant Death Syndrome was held by the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development on June 24-28 at Reston, Virginia, with forty leading investigators reviewing recent findings. Purpose of the workshop was to stimulate research interactions between investigators working in separate areas of the problem, and to discuss recent research results in advance of publication. Progress was reported in identifying the infant at risk, in describing the duration and frequency of episodes of respiratory cessation, and in techniques for monitoring the at-risk infant in the home situation. Sessions involved sleep, respiratory-cardiac control, laryngeal reflexes, infection and immunology, and metabolic abnormalities.
(Mr. Daniel Taylor, 14-65133)

HEW TOXICOLOGY COMMITTEE TO MEET AT NIH

The HEW Committee to Coordinate Toxicology and Related Programs, under the chairmanship of Dr. David Rall, Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, will meet at NIH on July 16-17. Purpose of the two-day meeting is to evaluate newly developed systems to detect mutagenic activity of chemicals and the possible use of these systems in the safety evaluation of chemicals. The meeting will be open to the public. (Dr. David P. Rall, 919 549-3201)

RW Lamont-Havers
Ronald W. Lamont-Havers, M.D.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE Report No. 201
NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

TO : Assistant Secretary for Health
Through: ES/H _____

DATE: July 3, 1975

FROM : Director, NIH

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

PRESIDENT FORD ATTENDS COOPER, FREDRICKSON SWEARING-IN AT NIH

President Gerald R. Ford participated in swearing-in ceremonies Tuesday (July 1) for Assistant Secretary for Health Theodore Cooper and NIH Director Donald S. Fredrickson. The oaths of office were administered by Secretary Caspar Weinberger before an audience of NIH and other DHEW personnel in Masur Auditorium. The President delivered a brief address noting progress the DHEW and PHS have made toward unifying the Federal health effort, and paying tribute to the accomplishments of the NIH. (Mr. Irving Goldberg, 14-65787)

NIH-NIMH TEAM BEGINS STUDY ON PEER REVIEW PROCESS

The NIH Grants Peer Review study team will shortly publish announcements seeking comments from the scientific community regarding the mechanisms of review employed by NIH.

The 15-member team reflecting a cross section of NIH and NIMH scientists and program officials was established in April and is headed by Dr. Ruth L. Kirschstein Director National Institute of General Medical Sciences.

The study team will examine in critical detail the entire process of peer review and make, where necessary, recommendations for modification or change. (Dr. Mathilde Solowey, 14-65231)


Donald S. Fredrickson, M.D.

MEMORANDUM

TO : Assistant Secretary for Health
Through: ES/H_____

DATE: July 18, 1975

FROM : Director, NIH

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

DR. LEVY APPOINTED NHLI ACTING DIRECTOR

Dr. Robert I. Levy was named July 14 as Acting Director of the National Heart and Lung Institute. In announcing the appointment Director Donald S. Fredrickson indicated his selection of Dr. Levy as NHLI Director subject to formal appointment requirements.

Dr. Levy has served as Director of NHLI's Division of Heart and Vascular Disease since 1973, and has been prominent in research relating to lipoprotein, lipid metabolism and diseases of lipid storage.

Dr. Robert Ringler who has served for the past year in the dual capacity of Acting and Deputy Director continues in the latter role. (Mr. Storm Whaley, 14-64461)

NEW YORK TIMES MAGAZINE ARTICLE TO FEATURE EYE RESEARCH

The New York Times Sunday Magazine is planning to include an article about the eye and vision research in its July 20th issue. Written by Mr. David Dempsey, who spent several days at the National Eye Institute collecting information and interviewing senior Institute staff, the article will deal generally with the eye, the visual process, and vision research, including that fostered by NEI.
(Mr. Julian Morris, 14-65248)



Donald S. Fredrickson, M.D.

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RESEARCH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE Report No. 203
NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

TO : Assistant Secretary for Health
Through: ES/H _____

DATE: July 25, 1975

FROM : Director, NIH

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

PUBLIC MEETING TO AIR REPORTS ON NTA STUDIES

Three recent studies on the toxicity of nitrilotriacetic acid (NTA) will be discussed in an open meeting at NIH on August 13. NTA has been considered as a substitute for phosphates in detergents.

One of the studies was conducted by the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, and the others were sponsored by the National Cancer Bioassay Program.

The availability of the results of the studies was announced this week by the DHEW Committee to Coordinate Toxicology and Related Programs, which is sponsoring the public discussion. Copies of the reports are being made available in advance to writers and other interested persons, on request.

The meeting will be held in Wilson Hall, Building One, NIH on August 13 beginning at 9:30 a.m.
(Dr. J. A. Moore, (919) 549-3201)

NIH TEAM AT APOLLO SPLASHDOWN

Two NIH staff members were on board the carrier U.S.S. New Orleans to participate in the examination of astronauts Stafford, Brand and Slayton after their splashdown Thursday (July 24).

Dr. Walter Henry, Cardiology Branch, National Heart and Lung Institute and Jimmy Griffith, Biomedical Engineering and Instrumentation Branch, Division of Research Services performed echocardiography examination on the astronauts prior to their launch, and did comparative examinations on their return to earth. They will continue with follow-up studies using the

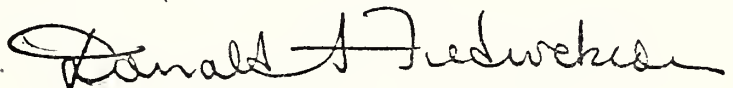
non-invasive sonar-like technique for visualizing the heart. A similar series of examinations was performed by the team on the Skylab crews. (Mr. Bowen Hosford, 14-65895)

RUSSIAN FILM CREW AT NIH

A three-man television film crew from the U.S.S.R. spent Tuesday (July 22) filming segments at NIH for inclusion in a 45 minute documentary illustrating the extent of scientific cooperation between the U.S. and U.S.S.R.

The crew came to Bethesda from the Johnson Space Center in Houston where they had covered Apollo-Soyuz flight operations as a joint scientific endeavor.

The cameramen filmed interviews with Dr. Frank Rauscher, Director National Cancer Institute and Dr. Robert Levy, Acting Director National Heart and Lung Institute. They also photographed laboratory activities within the Clinical Center.
(Mr. Hugh Lee, 14-64236)

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Donald S. Fredrickson, M.D.



MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE Report No. 204
NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

TO : Assistant Secretary for Health
Through: ES/H _____

DATE: August 1, 1975

FROM : Director, NIH

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

NIAID DIRECTOR RETIRES

Dr. Dorland J. Davis, Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases for the past eleven years, will retire August 1.

Dr. Davis, an Assistant Surgeon General in the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps, entered the PHS 36 years ago. He is internationally recognized for his scientific and administrative achievements.

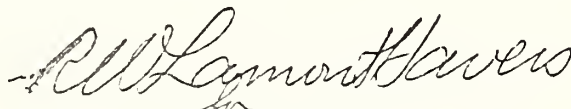
Dr. John Seal, the Scientific Director of NIAID, will serve as Acting Director pending the appointment of a successor to Dr. Davis. (Mr. Robert Schreiber, 14-65717)

ITALIAN NOBEL LAUREATE IS NEWEST FOGARTY SCHOLAR

Dr. Daniel Bovet, professor of psychology and psychopharmacology at the University of Rome began in early July a 4-months residency as a Scholar-in-Residence at the NIH Fogarty International Center.

Professor Bovet, who won the Nobel Prize for physiology and medicine in 1957, plans a personal program of studies at the National Library of Medicine and in the laboratories of the National Institute of Mental Health.

Dr. Filomena Nitti Bovet, his wife, is also a pharmacologist and will conduct a program of documentary research at the National Archives during her visit here.
(Mrs. Frances Davis, 14-62125)


Donald S. Fredrickson, M.D.

MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE Report No. 205
NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

: Assistant Secretary for Health
Through: ES/H _____

DATE: August 8, 1975

FROM : Acting Director, NIH

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

SECRETARY'S SPECIAL CITATION TO DR. LAMONT-HAVERS

Secretary Caspar Weinberger presented a special citation to NIH Deputy Director Ronald Lamont-Havers August 6.

The award made during the Secretary's farewell staff meeting, was "for outstanding service to the Department while serving as Acting Director of the National Institutes of Health".

Dr. Lamont-Havers was named NIH Acting Director in January 1975 and served in that role until Dr. Fredrickson was sworn in July 1. (Mr. Storm Whaley, 14-64461)

SICKLE CELL DISEASE PROGRAM

Dr. Rudolph Jackson, who has served as coordinator of the Sickle Cell Disease Program and Chief of the Sickle Cell Disease Branch, National Heart and Lung Institute, since April 1972, has left the program effective August 1, 1975. Dr. Jackson will engage in sickle cell laboratory and clinical research as a special expert in the Molecular and Hematology Branch of NHLI. Dr. John Hercules has been named Acting Chief of the Sickle Cell Disease Branch, and Dr. Robert Ringler, Deputy Director, NHLI, will serve as the Program coordinator on an interim basis.
(Dr. Robert I. Levy, 14-61078)


Ronald W. Lamont-Havers, M.D.

MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE
NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

TO : Assistant Secretary for Health

DATE: August 15, 1975

FROM : Director, NIH

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

NICHD AWARDS CONTRACT TO DEVELOP LONG TERM CONTRACEPTIVE

The Center for Population Research, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, awarded a \$1.2 millions cost-sharing contract to Schering AG of Berlin for the development of a long acting injectable female contraceptive agent.

The contract which was awarded June 30 calls for testing norethindrone enanthate the parent compound of which is used in oral contraceptives. Schering AG holds the patent for the drug which has demonstrated effectiveness in preventing pregnancy for up to 12 weeks following a single injection.

Although numerous animal and human investigations have been conducted with the contraceptive additional studies are required to satisfy FDA requirements for marketing the drug in this country.

Most contract funds will be expended in the U.S. on animal safety studies and clinical trials.

(Ms. Patricia Ann Dimond, 14-65133)

NIAID ESTABLISHES SPECIAL INFLUENZA LABORATORY

The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases awarded a contract to establish and provide initial support for a special influenza laboratory at Memphis, Tennessee. The laboratory will serve as a focus for international studies on influenza infections in animals and the relationship between animal and human influenza viruses.

Earlier studies have suggested that animals may be the source of new influenza variants.

The Memphis Laboratory will be directed by Dr. Robert G. Webster, a scientist in the virology and immunology laboratories at St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

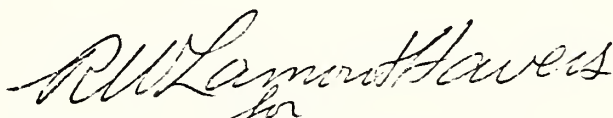
In coordination with the World Health Organization the new Laboratory will serve as a central "antigen bank" retaining all identified samples in anticipation of the next influenza pandemic.

Initial funding level for the contract awarded June 30 will be \$283,324 for the first two years.
(Robert Schreiber, 14-65717)

WORLD CONGRESS ON PAIN

The National Institute of Dental Research and the National Institute of General Medical Sciences are among the co-sponsors of the First World Congress on Pain Research and Therapy, to be held in Florence, Italy, September 5-8. Chronic, disabling pain costs Americans billions of dollars each year in hospital and health services, loss of income, compensation payments, legal actions, and welfare payments. Under the auspices of the recently organized International Association for the Study of Pain, the Congress will be attended by some 650 scientists, physicians, and other health practitioners from 30 countries, and will focus on recent discoveries in the causes, mechanisms, and control of pain. Nine NIH scientists will give papers or moderate sessions.

The Congress will be followed on September 9 by the First International Symposium on Cancer Pain, sponsored by the National Cancer Institute. (Ms. Helen Neal, 14-61767)


Donald S. Fredrickson, M.D.

Assistant Secretary for Health
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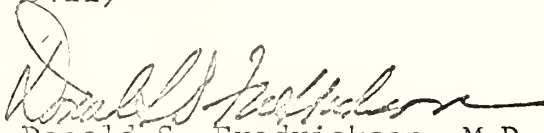
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ENVIRONMENTAL TERATOLOGY INFORMATION CENTER

The National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences is establishing a computerized information system for teratology. Being developed by Dr. R. E. Staples, the Environmental Teratology Information Center will be designed to meet the need for knowledge of the teratogenic potential of environmental components. Immediate and unlimited access to this information is necessary for regulatory purposes, to prevent duplication of effort, and to determine priorities for future research. The information collected will be made available through the use of the National Library of Medicine's TOXLINE.
(Dr. David P. Rall, 919/549-8411)


Donald S. Fredrickson, M.D.



